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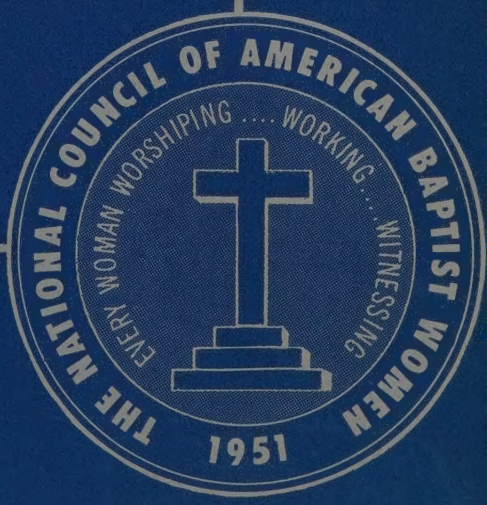

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The Baptist Jubilee Advance

One summer day a six-year-old broke loose from the church school group with which he had just finished dramatizing a school day in Nazareth, as typical of the daily experience of the boy Jesus. Striding across the street still costumed in tunic, sandals, and skull-cap, he entered the corner store and planted himself arms akimbo before the proprietor. "Do you know who I am?" "No, sonny, who are you?" "I'm one of God's children," came the answer, proud and wondering; and out he marched, hoping to act as one, too.

While it is not always obvious, it is always true that what we do springs squarely out of whom we believe ourselves to be, what we believe to be true, and what we value most. The issue is confused in that we rarely put these beliefs into words, even to ourselves, so that the relationship between what we say and do, and what we believe is largely hidden.

Many keen and thoughtful Christian leaders across the world, observing the organized life of the church, are concluding that much of the Church's action stems from beliefs and values uncritically borrowed from secular society, and these beliefs and values actually deny the truths of the Christian faith. However, while the general observation must be made, it is rarely fruitful to point directly to any individual or organization. God is at work in His Church. He is creating conditions—including these general observations—which invite those who are ready to do their own thinking. Out of this thinking some will begin to sense—and will become disturbed by—the incongruity between what we say and do on the one hand, and what Christianity declares we are and, therefore, should be saying and doing, on the other.

It is to this incongruity that the Baptist Jubilee Advance in the American Baptist Convention is being addressed. Many are satisfied with things as they are, and think of the Jubilee Advance in terms simply of intensification. Increasingly, however, there are those among whom the questions are rising up from within: What does it mean that while churches are crowded with people and alive with activity, we are at the same time experiencing in America, and in world society, tragedies and inhumanities more appalling than the world has ever known? How is it that while books, plays, music and pictures give evidence of desperate human quest for something spiritually satisfying, the Christian faith is ignored as irrelevant to that quest? Why is it that while by the cross and resurrection the dividing walls between God and man and between man and man were broken down, the Church itself condones and even sets up dividing walls of all kinds? If the great Commission were spoken to us all, why do we leave the work of evangelism to the pastor and the sporadic efforts of visiting professional evangelists?

It is to those who one by one are possessed by these questions and others even deeper, that the Baptist Jubilee Advance is offering resources for searching after answers, and for sharing this quest in disciplined reading and thought, study and discussion, and honest reflection. It is to these that we address urgent invitation to listen to what God is saying to us through the Scriptures, through the world, and through Christian leaders everywhere, who are open to hear him speak and yet humble enough to know that their understanding is limited by the flesh and so need the help of shared thinking and corporate prayer.

Action is needed, and the Baptist Jubilee Advance is preparing for it. A manual, *Evangelism in the Local Church,* is now available. Schools of Evangelism will precede concerted evangelistic effort in all the churches this spring. The study book for the schools of Evangelism, entitled *The Broken Wall, a Study of Ephesians,* by Dr. Markus Barth, a contemporary New Testament scholar, will challenge the mind and spirit to the very depths and send us all back to search out anew the truth God speaks in this letter to the church at Ephesus. And from this study must stem the action program in the local church, reflecting new and fresh recognition of who God says we are and what by his grace we will therefore say and do. As the years of the Advance unfold, it is our hope and deepest prayer that in our organized life we will recover and fulfill our true nature as a redeemed people. Program planned in harmony with this truth will cause us, in fellowship with Christ and with each other, to identify ourselves in his own spirit with the world he loves and for whose redemption and salvation he gave himself.

To the Presidents

From: Frieda Roach (Mrs. Howard L. Roach)
National President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: Plainfield, Iowa

Dear Co-workers:

"The fact is that what we are we owe to the hand of God upon us. We are born afresh in Christ, and born to do those good deeds which God planned for us to do" (Ephes. 2:10 Phillips' Translation).

Time marches on with amazing swiftness. More than one-half of the program year is gone. Is this not, therefore, a good time to review our achievement to see whether we have reached the desired goal, as of this date, in our varied activities?

Are we in our societies achieving the objectives so completely that we may become honor societies, or is our program lagging? If our program is lagging it is evident that we should roll up our sleeves a little higher and work harder in the months ahead. Confident is the president who knows that she will be given the strength and wisdom for the leadership that God expects.

Divisions

We must constantly seek to improve the quality of our work and new ways in which to be of greater service. This means, often, that we must change old patterns. In the work of our Woman's Baptist Mission Societies, one new pattern which is proving very helpful and successful is that of working in divisions. Many groups are already doing an outstanding job in this "sharing of responsibility" plan. The members of the division—vice-president and chairmen—find it inspiring and stimulating to work together in this way. The vice-president sits down with her chairmen and together they plan the work of the division. The combined thinking of these women whose interests are in the same area of work gives opportunities to present new ideas, and to choose the best plan of action for carrying out those ideas, and to decide who shall carry the responsibility for each task. In this way, the members of a division really work as a team.

To state, association, and local societies, the national vice-presidents have been energetically promoting the plan for working together as members of a division. As presidents, it is our responsibility to encourage division meetings in our state, association and local societies. Most of the state societies are using this plan successfully. The number of association and local societies following this procedure is increasing. Obviously division meetings cannot be held in small societies, but if your society is large enough to have divisions why not urge the vice-presidents and their chairmen to make plans immediately for a division meeting?

Suggested Agenda for a Division Meeting

- Begin with a prayer or a brief devotion.
- Let informality be the order of the day.
- Review briefly the Constitution, Leader's Guide, Report Book and Workbook of each person.
- Study new materials.
- Exhibit all the materials related to the work of the division.
- Share ideas.

The Workbook

The Workbook is a very important tool. Each officer and each chairman should have her own Workbook. The contents should include:

- The Constitution
- Leader's Guide
- Emphases for the year
- Page from the annual Report Book
- Directory or Year Book
- Minutes of board meetings
- Copies of letters and materials sent to—or received from—counterparts, and all other material relating to the office.
- Specific page from The American Baptist Woman.
- List of potential leaders in this area of the work.

The Workbook is so important that it should be kept up to date, and should be presented to the next person to hold the office.

Be Ready to Substitute

Each member of the division *is* important. Not only the vice-president but each chairman in the division should be ready to substitute for one another, if the occasion should arise.

Recruitment of Missionary Personnel

Presidents of state, association, and local societies have many opportunities to give effective service through interpretation of our total church program. The Reverend W. W. Parkinson, director of the Missionary Personnel Department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, has appealed to the National Council of American Baptist Women for assistance in recruiting women for missionary service overseas. Because of the great need for women missionaries, at this time, all presidents—in addition to the members of the division of Missions—are urged to be aware of this opportunity for service.

Presidents of state, association, and local societies, on your hearts I lay the importance of reaching qualified women for service overseas. Will each of you seek God's leading in approaching, in your churches, girls and women in whom you see potential leadership for Kingdom service overseas? Will each of you, as you speak to groups, lay this responsibility on the hearts of other women also?

There are many ways of bringing these opportunities to the women in our churches: spot news or announcements in the Mission Societies, circles, church school classes, Guild and Baptist Youth Fellowship groups; in church bulletins and other publications of the church. You will think of other ways in which to make this need known.

When you have made a contact which shows promise or secured a commitment which needs follow-up—and this is always necessary—advise the Reverend W. W. Parkinson, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

Immediate Needs of Our Foreign Mission Societies

→English teacher for three girls' schools in Japan
→Domestic Science teacher for a girl's school in Japan
→Kindergarten Training School teacher for a school in Japan
→Teacher with a Master's degree in Religious Education for a Woman's Bible School in Burma.
→Woman trained in Education or Religious Education for a secondary school program in Burma
→Teacher for a training school program in India
→Teacher for a seminary in India
→High school teachers for four schools in India
→Eight elementary and junior high teachers for schools in the Congo
→Administrator for a girls' secondary school in the Philippines
→Educational evangelist for village schools in Thailand

Nurses

→A nurse evangelist for Burma or Thailand
→Three nurses for hospitals in the Belgian Congo
→A nurse for a hospital in the Philippines
→Two nurses for work in Thailand
→Two nurses for hospitals in India

Doctors

→Three doctors for the Congo

Seminary Trained Workers

→A woman for leadership training in Burma
→Two general missionaries for India

Treasurer

→A treasurer for the Philippines (man or woman)

American Baptist women have come through splendidly in every urgent need. What satisfaction would be yours, if you had a part in helping some young woman find her calling to a life of service in the Overseas Mission of American Baptists!

Lay Development 1958

Were you satisfied with the results of the evaluation of your Woman's Society and its program when you finished the series of workshop sessions on "Women's Work in the Church"? What are your plans to implement the recommendations which came from the evaluation? Only to the degree that you seek to improve the quality of women's work in the light of these recommendations was the workshop in your church successful. To the women who participated in the workshop, it is hoped that a new—or renewed—sense of dedication to the women's program resulted.

If, perchance, your church did not participate in the program of Lay Development, will you order the materials for the workshop on women's work as soon as possible and make this workshop a project of your Woman's Society? Your women should have the benefit of this training which is the leadership training program of American Baptist women for this year.

Lay leadership development does not end with this year. It goes on and on as long as there are those in our women's societies who have need of training.

Leader's Guides

The Spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, in which was printed the local Leader's Guides, is out of print. However, so great was the request for copies of the Leader's Guides for local societies that this section in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN has been reprinted and is available at your nearest Baptist bookstore for fifty cents. Printed on 8½ by 11 inch, punched paper, these guides may be distributed to each officer and chairman for her Workbook.

These guides will not be revised next year. If you do not have the complete set of local Leader's Guides, printed in the Spring, 1958 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, order your set without delay.

New emphases, or goals, will be included in the 1959 Spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

Woman's Day, 1959

This is a special and personal invitation from me—and from all Iowa Baptist women—to attend this important day for Baptist women at Des Moines, Iowa, on June 4, 1959. The meeting will be held in the beautiful new Veterans Memorial Auditorium in the heart of downtown Des Moines. It is only a short walk from the hotels.

National Women's Conference, 1959

It is time to make plans to attend this excellent training conference. All officers and chairmen will again attend the conference and will provide leadership for workshops and conferences. They will be available for personal consultations. It is suggested that you consider sending your chairman of Leadership Training and your chairman of Spiritual Life as your representatives. Special training is planned for these chairmen.

World Day of Prayer

The seventy-third observance of the World Day of Prayer on February 13, 1959, will be another opportunity for cooperation with Protestant women of many denominations. The service was prepared by the Christian women of Egypt. The theme is: "Lord, I Believe."

To the First Vice-Presidents

From: Virginia Farmar (Mrs. William G. Farmar)
National First Vice-President
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Greetings, First Vice-Presidents!

When Timeliness Becomes Timeless!

Shortly after Ruskin left Oxford, he wrote the following to one of his tutors: "My teachers failed at one critical point in my education. They forgot to teach me that I must work with patience and diligence, take care to secure every step, and let what I do, be done forever."

Here is a good thought for us American Baptist women. Many recognize the necessity of working with patience and diligence, but how many of us regard our work for the Lord, as manifest through activities of the National Council of American Baptist Women, as work done "forever"?

Recognition of permanency in even some of the seemingly lesser important activities gives a feeling of the timeless to our sense of timeliness. It must have been in this spirit that the writer of Hebrews 13:1 asked that God "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will . . . through Jesus Christ. . . ." Let us look to several aspects of our work with the idea of "forever" in the background.

Our Division

As First Vice-Presidents, we need to understand and to be able to interpret to others the various areas of work in our division. Program, House Party, and Literature are an essential part of the program of the National Council of American Baptist Women. It is our responsibility to be the guiding influence.

With this in mind, we need to plan division meetings regularly. The chairmen should come prepared to present new ideas, plans and materials to promote their work. Each part of the work is equally important.

There is also a need for group understanding, respect for one another's opinion, and mutual agreement on what is to be done. Doubtless through this experience we will have an inward growth and satisfaction that will lead us to greater service.

"Plan for Action"

One of the responsibilities of the First Vice-President is that of reactivating the inactive women. For many years we have been aware of the women who are not active in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Last year the "Plan for Action" was inaugurated. It was placed in the division of the First Vice-President. The results were gratifying. Five hundred and eighty-one local societies and one hundred and seventy-eight association First Vice-Presidents followed the suggested program. The result was 8,019 women reactivated into the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society!

The "Plan for Action" was printed in the 1957 and 1958 Fall issues of The American Baptist Woman. It was amazing to learn—at a workshop on "How We Work In Our Woman's Society," which I conducted at the Fifth Annual Women's Conference at Green Lake in July, 1958—how many women had not yet heard of this program. If you do not have a copy of the 1957 Fall issue, or the 1958 Fall issue, of The American Baptist Woman, I shall be glad to send you a reprint of this "Plan for Action" if you so desire.

Packet for Inactive Women

It has been suggested that a small packet be presented to the inactive woman. These packets cannot be purchased, but they may be assembled by members of the local society and may be . . .

- Given to the inactive woman when calling in her home.
- Presented to the inactive woman at a breakfast, brunch or luncheon in your home.
- Mailed to each inactive woman in the church.

Preparation of Packet

Perhaps the following simple directions will help in the preparation of the envelope-type packet which should be at least seven by eight inches:

→Use colored construction paper, seven inches wide, eleven inches long.
→Fold up from the bottom about three inches.
→Staple the folded part to the part beneath to form a pocket.
→Decorate the folded part in keeping with the theme of the year.

Contents of Packet

Each packet should include:

→Greetings from the president;
→Annual report of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society;
→Year Book;
→Copy of "With One Accord" and "American Baptist Woman Power";
→Free leaflets from the mission boards. See "Literature Highlights" for this material;

→Love Gift Box;
→Dates of association and state meetings.

Let Us Remember That . . .

Every church has inactive women.

As First Vice-Presidents, it is our responsibility to introduce this plan as well as to put it into action.

Our Challenge

Can we have at least *ten thousand* women reactivated this year?

You have the answer!

Reflections

What have you done this past year that is most meaningful to you? Let us now spend a few moments in reflective thinking together.

Did you attend your 1958 House Party? If so, I am sure your memories of your house party are rich and unforgettable. New friends were made. New techniques were learned for the presentation of your work, and many new ways for service were discovered.

Have you been taking an active part in the *total* program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society during this year? If so, you have discovered the many pieces of excellent literature and through the mission study books you have gained a fresh concept of the work being done on our mission fields. Your Special Interest Missionaries were remembered in your prayers and a bond of friendship was established through the many letters that went out from the society. Enjoyable hours were spent during the time the White Cross was being prepared. The Love Gift box was emptied and the gifts were dedicated each month. There was opportunity to initiate the "Plan for Action" and to rejoice over any increased attendance and interest in your society. Did not all this and much more fill your days during the past months?

Now the time is almost here to take an inventory of our accomplishments. Just as the business man takes an inventory of his stock, we, as consecrated Christian women, must discover what has been done in promoting the total program of the National Council of American Baptist Women. That is the reason for reports!

Reports serve as a measuring rod for what we have done and a challenge for the future. It will soon be time for the annual reports. Study the form for your particular report carefully. Be on the alert for any change or changes in the report for our division of First Vice-President. Try to be accurate and be sure to send your report before the deadline. When your report is finished, you will find that it *reflects* the time and effort you expended as you met the responsibility of your office.

Division Presentation

There are many things to be taken into consideration when a division is asked to present its work. House Parties and association meetings are the media for informing women of the total program of our work. For this reason, it is important that the officers are well informed, enthusiastic and confident.

Plans, materials and ideas for the year can be presented in effective ways. Many of you, I am sure, have some new and unique ideas for presentation of the work of our division of First Vice-President. Will you share them with me? We can establish a bond of comradeship, and give help to one another. Please send me your ideas by February first. I will compile and have them mimeographed in leaflet form and will mail a copy to each of you.

National Women's Conference

The place: Green Lake, Wisconsin

The date: July 11-18, 1959

The theme: THE **Church** and You

It is hoped that at least four hundred women will attend the Sixth Annual National Women's Conference.

Why not follow the example set by the New Jersey women last year? They chartered a bus, and every one of the thirty-three women who traveled to Green Lake on the bus had a "wonderful time."

Begin to talk about the possibility of chartering a bus. Appoint someone to act as chairman of the project. Cost of transportation is low. Guild Girls will be attending their annual house party at Green Lake during the same week. They will appreciate being included in your plans.

Begin now to promote **"A Bus to Green Lake for Our State"!**

Next Move Is Yours

A Chinese ambassador was being given his first sightseeing trip in New York city. Met at the station by his guide, he was rushed by one means of conveyance after another to the top of the Rockefeller Center building. As they stepped out onto the parapet to view the city, the guide, beaming with self-satisfaction at his accomplishment, waved his arms and said, "By making right connections, I was able to save us five minutes in getting here." The Chinese ambassador thanked him politely and then quietly asked, "But what shall we do with the five minutes?"

What shall we, First Vice-Presidents, do with the many minutes, hours, and days at our disposal? Let us . . .

1. Encourage and stimulate the activity of our chairmen. Let each one of us outline her objectives for the year and then, as a division, plan together how most effectively we can accomplish these objectives.

2. Analyze carefully how the work in our area fits into the total program of women's work. Does any part of it—or all of it—fit into the overall church program? What medium is used to distribute literature? How can we help the chairman of Program, whose task is demanding? Not only does she plan programs for the general society, but assists the circles in planning their meetings.

3. Put more meaning into the theme of the year—one of our emphases for the year.

4. Use our time, when we plan and work together, to the best advantage.

5. Make the work of our division fruitful.

To the Chairmen of Program

From: Helen McDermott (Mrs. F. W. McDermott)
National Chairman of Program
Division of the First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
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A friendly "Hello" to each one who reads this page

How Are *You* Doing?

In the Spring issue of this page in The American Baptist Woman, there were listed four emphases for 1958-1959 in the field of program building. Have you reached all four goals?

1. Did you have a program committee as suggested?
2. Did you plan your society's programs for the year? Are you following the eight suggestions given under this emphasis?
3. If you are the chairman of program in a large church, did you help the circle chairmen to plan their programs for the year?
4. Are you using some of the newer methods in your programs such as panel discussion, buzz sessions, audio-visual aids with group preparation?

Do You Have a Workbook?

You *should* have one!

You and every other officer and chairman should have a loose-leaf notebook, zippered or otherwise, which will be passed on to your successor when your term of office ends.

The Workbook of the local society chairman of Program should include:

1. Your society's constitution and by-laws.
2. The Leader's Guide and Emphases for the year.
3. The names and addresses of the association, state, and national chairman of Program.
4. Your page from all issues of The American Baptist Woman.
5. Your section from the annual Report Book. Keep previous reports for comparison.
6. Correspondence and materials from your association chairman of Program.
7. A record of each meeting including the attendance, the names of those who participated in the program, the method used and an evaluation of the meeting with suggestions for improvement.
8. A record of the number of programs mimeographed or printed each year and the cost.
9. A file of all newspaper publicity, church bulletins and announcements given or sent to the women.
10. A file of materials helpful to program building.

Just Another Meeting!

Is that what you have?

Many years ago when Dr. Richard Hoiland was the director of Young People's Work for the American Baptist Publication Society, he wrote an article for the *Young People's Leader* entitled "Just Another Meeting." Dr. Hoiland described a very ordinary meeting and then closed his article with these words, "Just another meeting." Many times during these intervening years I have thought about those words. I have to admit that too many of our meetings are "just another meeting." There isn't much interest, the attendance is poor and nothing happens as a result of these meetings.

What are the differences between a good meeting and "just another meeting"? In the 1958 Winter issue of The American Baptist Woman, we discussed the importance of good old honest hard work. There is no substitute for this, but there are other elements to be considered. Let us think about some of them:

1. **Every meeting should have a purpose.**

a. It should not be something vague and hazy in the minds of the program committee. It should be something stated clearly and on paper. The program committee should decide what should be the purpose of each program. Then, as the chairman or a member of the committee talks with the one who has been selected to present the program, the purpose should be discussed thoroughly. Then, everything that goes into that program should be evaluated in terms of whether or not it contributes to the accomplishment of the purpose.

b. A good purpose includes . . .

(1) the information you hope to impart.

(2) the results you hope for; i.e., changes in attitudes, projects to be started, desired actions.

(3) the method to be used to secure group participation.

c. Usually when a family begins to talk about making a vacation trip, someone almost immediately produces several maps. They talk about the places they want to see and the best routes for reaching their destinations. It is the same idea that we need to apply to programs.

d. Think back to your last program. Can you state what you think was the purpose of that meeting? If

you can do this, do you think the purpose was accomplished? Or, as you think of that meeting, does it seem rather "hit or miss"—a number of things presented without much relation to each other, nothing was expected to happen and nothing did happen—just another meeting.

e. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, in one of his books refers to people as either swamps or rivers. A swamp spreads out in all directions and takes in everything, but a river has a definite course. It is going somewhere, has banks and most of the time it consistently follows its course. A swamp accomplishes very little, while rivers have contributed much to the world's progress. A program can very easily become a swamp, but it takes planning and work for a program to be like a river.

2. To read or not to read. That is the question.

I am sure that some women attend the missionary society meetings purely for the fellowship and refreshments and earnestly they hope each time that the program will be short. I do not blame these women for having such ignoble desires, *if* they belong to societies where the program participants read their parts, and all too often, the reading is poorly done.

It is hard for many women to memorize a part, but most women can take a part, write it out in their own words, and be able to present it without reading, using notes if need be. Writing it out helps to fix the meaning, will help in remembering it, and will prevent a rambling incoherent presentation. I believe that three-fourths of the trouble with the women who say they cannot give a message, is that they will not take the time to write it out and to practice voicing it several times before a mirror. The more this procedure is followed, the easier it becomes to speak publicly.

Are you looking for Program Ideas?

You might try some of these:

I. Each month, in *Missions,* there is a program based on some phase of our current theme, "Mountains of the Lord." These programs are prepared especially for the small societies and circles.

II. American Baptists have very little missionary work in the Middle East, but we have some work with Moslems in South India. The leaflet, "Looking Ahead with Muslim Friends" by Ian Douglas tells about some of this work. This leaflet is included in the Program Packet. Pen sketches of both Mr. and Mrs. Ian Douglas, and a newsletter from them may be obtained from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York. Please send five cents for each sketch requested.

There are many interesting, related and timely studies that can be made. The Friendship Press offers the following suggestions:

1. Study Jerusalem, Mesopotamia, Bethlehem, and the region around the Lake of Galilee both in Bible times and today.

2. Present a TV program giving parallels in Old Testament struggles between Syria, Lebanon and the neighboring countries in those days and now. The Old Testament may be reported as the news would have gone out over the radio in ancient times. Sports and fashions of the day should be included to give local color and a sense of the life the people lived day by day.

3. A book review. Suggestions: *My Arabian Days and Nights,* by Eleanor T. Calverley; *New Voices, Old Worlds,* by Paul Geren.

4. A play reading: *Khanum and Her Treasures,* by Grace Visher Payne.

5. Have the men present a program on world conditions. Is your local bank doing anything to stabilize the economy of Israel? Does any of the oil that you use come from the Middle East? Or is American oil made available for your use because the Middle East supplies oil in other places, thus freeing American oil for you? Is there a Moslem mosque in your city? Would some of the men visit it and bring back a report? Are there Moslem "missionaries" at work in the United States? Is anyone from your community engaged in technical services in the Middle East? What does he see accomplished by his work? What relationship does his work have to missionary work? Does he see a need for Christian missions?

6. What has become of the woman behind the veil in various countries: Turkey, Lebanon, and Arabia? What are the major needs in the homes of these countries and what qualities are the strengths of these homes?

III. "Helps from the Digest" is a set of eight programs based on the *Home Missions Digest.* The programs are entitled: Aid to the Aides; Mankind Is Our Business; Investments; Meet a Missionary; American Baptists in the 49th State; Baptist Educational Centers; Let's Tour Latin America; The Church in the City; Order both the *Home Missions Digest,* price sixty cents, and "Helps from the Digest," no charge, from the American Baptist Home Missions Society, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

An Unusual State Woman's Meeting

The New York State Council of American Baptist Women had a most interesting and unusual annual session this year. They met in Albany, the state capitol. Their theme was "The Christian Woman and Her World Responsibility." They heard outstanding Christian leaders from various places in the world tell what they considered to be the Christian woman's world responsibility. They visited the Assembly and Senate Chambers, held informal seminars about vital legislation with state leaders, they toured the state library, museum, and gardens. As they left their council meeting, they went home far more conscious of their responsibility as Christian women than they had ever been.

The 1959-1960 Program Packet

The Program Packet for 1959-1960 will be in the Baptist bookstores early in March. Do not delay in placing your order. The price remains at seventy-five cents.

To each association chairman of Program a promotional skit has been sent. It is hoped that this skit will be given at every association spring meeting. Additional copies may be secured by writing to me at 1813 West Iles Avenue, Springfield, Illinois. Please enclose ten cents for each copy requested.

To the Chairmen of House Party

From: Florence Berg (Mrs. James C. Berg)
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National Council of American Baptist Women
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Greetings, Chairmen of House Party!

One of our goals for 1958-1959 is, as you well know, to "promote a continued and increased interest and zeal in the state house party of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society."

To help us in our promotion, I am collecting skits from the state chairmen to share with you. As you talk about your 1959 state house party, you may wish to make use of the following skit which came to us from Massachusetts.

I've Got a Secret

[Cast includes five women: Moderator, Contestant, Panelist One, Panelist Two, Panelist Three.]

Moderator: Mrs. Ryder will you whisper your secret to me?

Contestant: *[Whispers secret.]*

Moderator: It concerns something that Mrs. Ryder is going to do.

Panelist One: Are you going to like this something you are going to do?

Contestant: Oh, yes indeed!

Panelist One: Are you going to do this something alone?

Contestant: No!

Panelist One: There are more people involved, then? Lots more people?

Contestant: Yes!

[Bell rings. End of questioning by Panelist One.]

Panelist Two: Mrs. Ryder, are you going on a trip?

Contestant: Yes!

Panelist: Are you going on a trip soon?

Contestant: Not too soon.

Panelist: Would it be helpful if I found out just what date you are going?

Contestant: Yes, it would.

Panelist: You said earlier that you were going fairly soon. Do you mean within the next five months?

Contestant: *[Obviously counting the months]* Yes!

Panelist: I'll take a random guess and say, June. Are you going on your trip in June?

Contestant: Yes.

[Bell rings. End of questioning by Panelist Two.]

Panelist Three: I'll continue where you left off. Would it help if we found out what week in June you plan to be away?

Contestant: Oh, yes, indeed!

Panelist Three: Well, I'll start with the first week. Is it the first week in June?

Contestant: Yes!

Panelist Three: This trip, is it a pleasure trip?

Contestant: Partially.

Panelist Three: Oh, then, will you be attending something?

Contestant: Yes!

Panelist Three: In other words there will be business and—or—study combined with pleasure?

Contestant: Yes!

Panelist Three: Is this connected with the church in any way?

Contestant: Yes, it certainly is!

[Bell rings as all three panelists become excited, waving hands and exclaiming, "Oh, I know, the HOUSE PARTY!"]

Moderator: That's right. Mrs. Ryder will attend the annual House Party of the ..... at ..... from June ..... to ..... The registration fee is $..... and the costs $..... Now, I have a question, Mrs. Ryder. ..... has two house parties, I know. What date have you chosen?

Contestant: I have decided to go June ....., but a number of my friends are going to the June ..... house party. We know we shall have the same experience of study, inspiration, fun, good food, and fellowship and that we shall have many mountain top experiences which will remain with us all our days. If any one wants further details, I suggest that she see ..... *[the chairman of House Party].*

Moderator: Thank you, Mrs. Ryder, and now goodbye from all of us on "I've Got a Secret."

Living Is a Family Affair

"FIVE IN A PEW" PRESENTED AT THE MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE PARTY—STORY FOLLOWS

Five in a Pew

At the 1958 House Party of the Massachusetts Baptist Woman's Society, the skit "Five in a Pew," from the booklet *Living Is a Family Affair* was presented in a most delightful manner by the following cast of women from the Sharon Baptist Church:

Father .....Mrs. Warren C. Morse
Mother .....Mrs. Carlton Holbrook
Children .....Miss Dorothy Tuttle
.....Miss Barrie Honeywell

The part of a second daughter was taken by Mrs. Robert McManus.

The voice in the background was that of Mrs. Lee J. Beynon, Jr.

A two-minute commercial for the promotion of the booklet *Living Is a Family Affair* will be printed in the Spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for those who may wish to use it at state house parties, association meetings, or local society meetings.

Living Is a Family Affair, written by Mrs. Stacy Randle, the national chairman of Family Life Education, is a booklet of six episodes, complete with devotional and study material. Order from your American Baptist Bookstore. Price, 50 cents.

Thank You, Indiana

Now since there are probably five, six, or even more months before your state house party, it is very likely that you will want to present another skit later in the spring. Indiana has given us the following:

Going to the House Party

[Cast requires three women: Mrs. Archibald; Mrs. Bates; Mrs. Cherry. Mrs. Archibald has attended many, many house parties; Mrs. Bates is going for the first time; Mrs. Cherry thinks a house party must be frivolous.]

[Mrs. Archibald and Mrs. Bates are sitting at a table, making out their reservations to the state House Party. They are asking and answering some of the questions on the reservation form, and are discussing in which dormitory they would like to be.]

MRS. CHERRY *[enters]*: Hi, my friends! What are you cooking up this bright and shining morning?

MRS. ARCHIBALD: Nancy Bates and I are going to the house party at ..... this year. Why don't you make a reservation and go too? We always have a wonderful time.

MRS. CHERRY: House Party, House Party, House Party! That's all you talk about. I can't see sitting for two days listening to dry speakers and calling it fun. Not, me!

MRS. BATES: Oh, I don't think it will be like that at all. I have never been, to be sure, but I am looking forward to this one. I have heard so much about the house party that I have wanted to go each year, but with the children I wasn't able to leave. This year, my mother has promised to come and stay so that I can go. I am really delighted and I know it won't be dry.

MRS. CHERRY: Well, what *fun* will it be? Do tell me.

MRS. ARCHIBALD: Pleasure and inspiration are not always measured in hilarious activities. Perhaps the greatest pleasure is the fellowship with others. I enjoy meeting other women from all over the state. We are like one big family and you know Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

MRS. BATES: Am I correct in understanding that there will be some national chairmen at the house party this year?

MRS. ARCHIBALD: Yes, you are absolutely right! Mrs. ..... Vice-President of ..... will give all the platform devotions at our house party this year. She is from ..... and you may be sure that she will bring an inspiring message.

MRS. BATES: Now, Bess Cherry, doesn't that sound like a wonderful program?

MRS. CHERRY: It sounds all right, so far. You say that there is the pleasure that comes from the fellowship with others, inspiration from devotions and messages, but how about information? I am a chairman, as you know. If I go, may I hope to get some information that will help me to do a better job?

MRS. BATES: Of course! I have heard all about that too. The house party offers inspiration, fellowship, and valuable information to all who attend.

MRS. ARCHIBALD: Yes, Bess, Nancy is correct in all that she has told you. You will reap a harvest of information at the house party. And every minute is filled with inspiration: the daily devotions, the vespers, the special music, the consecration service—and the inspiration that comes from learning how to do a better job.

MRS. BATES: Oh, yes, don't you usually have a real live missionary at the house party?

MRS. ARCHIBALD: Indeed, we do. This year we have the good fortune to have Miss ..... from .....

MRS. CHERRY: *[with animation]* Oh, I've heard of *her!* Wasn't she our special interest missionary a few years ago?

MRS. ARCHIBALD: Right, you are! Probably every ..... Baptist woman has heard or read about her.

MRS. CHERRY: But how about these talks and speeches? Tell me something about them.

MRS. ARCHIBALD: Yes, we may very likely have talks and speeches at the house party, but I can assure you that they will not be dry by any means.

MRS. BATES: I am actually wishing the time away. I can hardly wait. I have heard you tell about the wonderful time you have each year. My, but I am so glad and so thankful that I can go this year.

MRS. CHERRY: House party, house party, house party, I always thought that was a frivolous name for a dry meeting, but now it sounds like fun—worthwhile fun. *[meditating]* I wonder, I wonder whether ..... would object to dining out for two days so that I, too, could go. Is it too late for me to make a reservation?

MRS. ARCHIBALD: We do need to get our reservations in early, but if you hurry and decide without delay, you will be in time. Don't miss the House Party at ..... from .....

[THE END]

To the Chairmen of Literature

From: Jennie Eulette (Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette)
National Chairman of Literature
Division of First Vice-President
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2238 West 111th Street, Chicago 43, Illinois

Greetings to all Chairmen of Literature!

These two pages in The American Baptist Woman belong especially to you. From our annual reports of last spring, we learned that more than seventeen hundred local chairmen of Literature read these pages regularly. To you who are not yet regular readers, we extend an urgent invitation to become so. We promise to make it worth your while.

These pages may perhaps be thought of as frames into which, from time to time, pictures may be fitted. The subjects of the pictures may vary. Sometimes they will be:

1. Pictures of things that you are doing, of which other chairmen might like to know.

2. Pictures of new materials or new methods for achieving results.

3. Pictures of anything which might hinder our progress, or make the work more difficult for us or for others.

4. Pictures of new encouragement and new incentives.

A popular television program always carries the statement: "*Progress* is our most important product." Progress in attaining *our* objectives is the most important thing for which *we* strive.

What Are These Objectives?

We endeavor to promote the distribution and the reading of American Baptist literature and approved interdenominational literature. However, it is not the mere *reading* of this literature that we are accomplishing—important as that really is. We are planting, in the minds and hearts of American Baptist women, the seeds of knowledge about the entire missionary program and work of the denomination. These seeds grow from knowledge to interest, and then to active participation and prayerful concern. Thus all our missionary work is strengthened, and all efforts toward greater Christian unity of purpose are furthered, as you and I faithfully perform our duties.

Subjects of Our Pictures

I. Things You Are Doing

One of you made a dress. (Do I hear you say: "That is nothing new; lots of us do that"?) Ah, but this was a very special dress. It was a simple dress of white washable material. Across the front, embroidered in a satin stitch, were the words "Literature Highlights." Scattered over the dress, in outline stitch, were such words as *Crusader, Magic Circle, Missions,* The American Baptist Woman, and so forth. This is a much traveled dress. It has taken part in local, association, and state meetings. I saw it at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, where many admired it and its wearer. A former president of the American Baptist Convention asked to take a picture of the chairman when she was wearing this very special dress. He, and others who saw it, are more aware of American Baptist literature and of the work done by our family of chairmen of Literature—between three and four thousand of us. I tell you about this unique dress, not so that you all will begin to make dresses, but so that you will realize what can be accomplished by the use of your own imagination and ingenuity toward making people conscious of American Baptist literature.

One of you, an association chairman, made a most unusual display book which, like the dress, has traveled extensively from one type of meeting to another. This chairman used fourteen pieces of white cardboard—the type which laundries place in men's shirts. Taping them together so that they would open out all the way and still fold compactly, she pasted upon them, in consecutive order, significant clippings from "Literature Highlights." Each page was brightened by a picture—sometims cut from a leaflet mentioned—or by a quotation or slogan. One page contained the much needed advice: *Order by Number.* The last page ended with the words: "An Informed Society Is a Transformed Society." Unique and attractive! Everywhere it went, people crowded around it. Can't you imagine this "sales value"?

What ideas have you originated and used? Please let me know so that I may relay them to others.

II. New Materials, New Methods

"Fashions in Books," a very effective dramatic skit, is available. Prepared jointly by the division of Missions and our own division of the First Vice-President, "Fashions in Books" is in one act and may be adapted easily for meetings of any size. Copies may be obtained, at ten cents each, from the national chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, Mrs. W. F. Mueller, 1450 East Shore Drive, St. Paul 6, Minnesota. You may wish to use it for church occasions or for association and state conventions.

There are still some copies available of the two dra-

matic sketches "For My Children's Sake" and "Thirty Years From Now," which deal with the National Council of American Baptist Women, and, of course, with chairmen of Literature. Write to me if you desire a copy and enclose, please, ten cents for each copy requested.

All who are wise enough to examine the annual report blanks as soon as they are obtainable (in order to make reporting at the end of the year easier) will note a new question. This new question was suggested by one of you, and we wondered why we had not thought to include it. I shall not tell you here what the question is. See if you can identify it.

While we are speaking of annual reports, I wonder whether you, local chairmen, will make a higher percentage than you did last year on the number of reports returned. Are you, local chairmen, going to let the association and state chairmen outdo you again this year? Remember that you are personally responsible for only *one* report. *But you are responsible for that one.* It will not be sent in unless *you* prepare it and send it. The Romans had an appropriate expression: "Verbum sapienti satis est"—a word to the wise is sufficient. I wonder if it is.

The Literature Subscription Plan will be new to some of you. For one dollar and fifty cents you will receive seven packets during the year: that is, a packet in January, March, May, July, September, November and December. Included in the packets are fascinating new leaflets, telling about our far-flung Baptist World Mission. This is an excellent value, for one packet brings you the new issue of *A Book of Remembrance,* which alone sells for one dollar!

The 1959 edition will be more beautiful and more complete than ever, and will offer what seems to be a wealth of information about our missionaries and denominational family. Send your New Literature Subscription, with $1.50 to the Baptist Literature Bureau, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Be sure that your name and address are legible, and that your check or money order is enclosed.

III. Things That Hinder Progress

Much inconvenience, and in some instances financial loss, have resulted from the practice of sending bills and silver money through the mail, in payment for literature ordered, subscriptions to *Missions, Crusader,* and so forth. For your own protection, be sure to remit payment by check or by money order. Those to whom you write will appreciate it.

It is of vital importance, when you change your address, or when you do not continue in office, and your successor is appointed, that this information be sent at once to your counterpart. It should also go to the secretary of the society, or of the association, state or national board, to which you make reports. When information is not sent so that address lists may be kept up-to-date for current mailing, there is needless delay in the delivery of mail and, often, valuable mail is lost.

Much has been said and written about the "blockade" which results when a chairman does not at once relay to her counterpart the information and suggestions that come to her. Please be conscientious about this transmission. Let the information "Stop only for refueling."

IV. New Encouragement, New Incentives

In making arrangements for traveling, we are often helped greatly by a word from another who has already made the trip. Let us hear what some former chairmen of Literature have said or written about their experiences:

- "The American Baptist Literature business is an exciting, worthwhile business. Let us be determined that *next* year we shall excell *this* year in accomplishment! Let us all rally to the trust that was placed in us when we accepted the office!"
- "I have been a part of something of great importance."
- "As we arrange our exhibits, and use new ways of presenting literature, let us do our task as a spiritual service. . . . Let us believe in it and in its value in advancing the work of the Lord."

K Y T and D Y T

At the National Women's Conference held at Green Lake, July, 1958, we had opportunity for three afternoon discussion groups on the work of chairmen of Literature. I wish all of you might have participated in the lively question and answer period. We found that we all have pretty much the same problems, wherever we may live.

There were two slogans which we decided were essential to us as we carry our responsibilities:

K Y T and D Y T.

K Y T — Know Your Task
D Y T — Do Your Task

To refresh your memory, read again, carefully, your *Leader's Guide,* which appeared in the 1958 Spring issue of The American Baptist Woman. Then, if you are not quite sure that you **K Y T,** or if you need help to be able to **D Y T,** do not hesitate to turn to the association chairman of Literature, or to the state chairman of Literature, or to the national chairman of Literature. Remember that (1) no question is too simple to ask, and (2) the sooner it is asked, the better.

The *Leader's Guides* for association and state chairmen are published separately. Together, all of these guides constitute, in effect, a map of the country through which we travel. As such, you can see, they are of great importance.

I close this message to you with the words a state chairman used in writing to her counterparts: "Yours in a togetherness of purpose and motive."

To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: Harriet Barker (Mrs. Marshall B. Barker)
National Vice-President of Missions
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3327 Huntington Boulevard, Fresno 2, California

Dear Vice-Presidents of Missions:

Have you ever considered the many events in the Bible that took place on a mountain? Let us together think about some of these . . .

Mountain Top Experiences

Moses met God on Mount Sinai and brought back the Ten Commandments. Noah's Ark rested upon Mount Ararat and God sent the rainbow as a sign of his continuing love. Abraham took Isaac to Mount Moriah for sacrifice but God sent a ram to be offered in his place. Satan took Christ to a mountain top and showed him all the kingdoms of the world. On a mountain side. Christ spoke those words which we call the Sermon on the Mount. Peter, James, and John accompanied Christ to the Mount of Transfiguration. Christ often went to the mountain to pray.

It was on a mountain that Christ gave to his eleven faithful disciples that Commission which forms the basis for all of our missionary work. We read in Matthew 28:16, "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a *mountain* where Jesus had appointed them . . . And Jesus came and spake unto them . . . Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always. . . ."

The Name Above All Names

A devout Moslem, as a daily act of worship, recites the ninety-nine most beautiful names of God as found in the Koran.

Legend says that only the camel knows the one hundredth name and that is why he holds his head so high.

Christians agree that *Father* is the most beautiful and beloved name of God. Christ taught us to pray, "Our Father which art in heaven." The name Father is conspicuous by its absence among the Koran's most beautiful names.

The Moslem world awaits the true knowledge of the Fatherhood of God which can come only through knowledge of his Son, Jesus Christ who said, "I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). It is then our duty to "testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world" (I John 4:14).

1959 Model

The National Missions Conference is to have a new look in 1959. The program of this conference is designed to meet primarily the needs of those who are working in missionary education or promotion in their churches, associations, or states.

The American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies are cooperating with the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education of the Board of Education and Publication in the development of the new type of program.

There will be, as in the past, outstanding leaders and speakers, and the opportunity to become acquainted with the many missionaries who will be present.

There will also be workshops in which many phases of our work will be covered. Vice-Presidents of Missions and the three chairmen in the division of Missions should plan to attend if at all possible. Leaders of Schools of Missions and members of church Missionary and Stewardship Education committees will find much to help them in their work. Churches will make a wise investment by sending leaders in these fields for training.

The time: August 8-15, 1959. The place: Green Lake.

Our Concern Is America for Christ

You can express your Christian concern for North American neighbors through the gift of your money to the America for Christ Offering.

Is your church using the excellent materials which have been prepared for use in connection with this offering for our North American neighbors? There are coin boxes and story sheets on Alaska for the children. New coin cards have been prepared for the youth. Three Worship Services have been written on the theme of "Our North American Neighbors." The "Animated Map" may need your personal touch in preparing it for use. Ask your pastor about these materials. Let us really show our concern.

A small church does not ask for small hymnals nor a short Bible. A small church has the same world-wide missionary challenge that every church has. Quoted from the Lay Development Workshop Guide, "The Laity at Work in Missionary Promotion."

WHAT IS THE NEW DAY IN MISSIONS? [1]

Listening to an address by the Reverend James L. Sprigg, we learned that "the Christians overseas no longer consider themselves to be members of missions. They have fully constituted churches. . . . Missions are still thought of as groups of stations established and manned by foreigners and under the control or supervision of a home church or home board. This is indeed an antiquated concept. The only place on American Baptist fields where such a concept exists to any noticeable degree today is the Congo. However it is rapidly disappearing in Congo also as the Congolese are given equal power with missionaries on the administrative council which governs the work of the mission. . . . Therefore, in the new day, let us speak less of missions and speak more of overseas churches. However, let us never cease to speak of *mission*. The mission of the church is the mission of Christ: to make the good news known unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Even here, however, we must be careful not to think of the mission as belonging exclusively to the Western churches in Europe or America. . . . The mission of Christ is no longer being fulfilled solely through missionaries who go from West to East. But churches in all parts of the world are sensing a profound obligation to carry the gospel beyond the limits of their own immediate geographical area.

"The great preachers overseas are not the missionaries. They are national Christians . . . the witness of these national preachers is in their own tongue to their own people. A missionary speaking in a tongue which is not his own cannot begin to match in effectiveness the national preacher who is thoroughly consecrated to Christ, whose thought forms are those of his own culture and who can, therefore, communicate the gospel more clearly.

"On every one of our fields, if you were to ask the national Christian leaders if missionaries are still needed, they would reply, 'Of course, we want you to continue sending missionaries. But they must be men and women of quality. They must be fellow workers, not dictators and they must be utterly devoted to Christ.'"

In the Forty-Ninth State

As we study our American Baptist Concerns in Alaska this year, we will rejoice to know that the American Baptist Home Mission Societies are opening a new work in Anchorage.

Anchorage is an important, rapidly growing city in an area of limitless opportunity. It is situated between Cordova and Kodiak Island where American Baptists are well established.

The flag of Alaska has the seven stars of the "Big Dipper" and the North Star in gold on a field of blue. It was designed by Ben Benson when he was a seventh grade student. His flag was entered in a contest. It won first prize. Later it was adopted by the territorial legislature as the official flag of Alaska. Mr. Benson is now a mechanic for an air line and lives in Kodiak. His daughter is a member of the Baptist church there and he is a friend of the mission family.

Alaska Panorama, a color filmstrip, gives us a visual tour of our Baptist work in Kodiak and Cordova, life in the Children's Home and on the chapel-ship, "Evangel." You will be proud of our Baptist work in this vast new state. This film may be obtained from the Baptist Film Libraries: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, Calif. Rental, $2.50; Sale, $5.00.

Do You Know Her?

Her hair is a bit gray. Perhaps she is in her sixties. Her expression is cheerful. She is a Christian; she is an American Baptist, active in her church and Woman's Baptist Mission Society. She would like to give more to missions but her income is not large. She has some capital which she must invest wisely as she is dependent upon its income.

She is a Typical Prospective Annuitant!

What does that mean? It means she should be told about the wonderful annuity agreements which our home and foreign mission societies will be glad to arrange for her. Through such an annuity she can give generously to missions and also have a guaranteed income for life at a good rate of return.

What should *YOU* do about this? *You* should find *her* and tell her about this opportunity. The leaflet "And These Things Shall Be Added," published by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, explains the plan of annuities. It also contains a table of rates of return, depending upon the age at which the annuity is written. For example, the return is 3.5 per cent at age 40; 3.9 per cent at age 50; 4.5 per cent, at 60; 5.5 per cent at 70; and 7.4 per cent at 80.

For a copy of this leaflet and for additional information write to the Public Relations Department, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Ave., New York 16, N. Y.

Information may also be obtained from the American Baptist Home Missions Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and from The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Convention, 75 West 45th Street, New York 36, N. Y., concerning their annuity agreements. Rates of return are the same at all boards and societies. Rates are fixed by law.

"You can give to a world-wide mission program of preaching, teaching and healing. In turn you receive annual returns at a guaranteed rate for the rest of your life."

"The Mather Star News"

"The Mather Star News" is the name of the new monthly news sheet published by Mather School. It contains pictures and news of students and faculty; it tells of their needs and acknowledges gifts and packages received. Send one dollar to MATHER NEWS, P. O. Box 230, Beaufort, South Carolina, and receive the paper for one year.

[1] From an address delivered at the Missions Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 1958, by the Reverend James L. Sprigg, Administrative Secretary for Europe and the Belgian Congo for the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Leona Mueller (Mrs. Walter F. Mueller)
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Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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My Greetings to the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

Since my introduction to you in the Fall issue of The American Baptist Woman, I have attended my first board meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women as the new chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education. During the sessions of the board meetings in September, my thoughts often turned to you, my counterparts, in the women's societies across the country. As we visit with one another through our letters and the pages of The American Baptist Woman, I shall try to share with you some of the inspiration, fellowship, and spirit of dedication that permeated each session of the board.

Welcome to New Chairmen

To each one who has become a chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education since the last issue of The American Baptist Woman a warm welcome is extended! We are now past the mid-point of what we hope is a year of fruitful achievement. We must continue our planning to make the study of missions and stewardship, as developed in our women's work, an important part of Christian teaching. Then our women, we believe, will respond to the challenge to become "doers of the word, and not hearers only."

What Is Stewardship?

Frequently we hear these questions about stewardship: What is it? Where may we find materials on stewardship?

What is stewardship? There are many good definitions of stewardship. Here is one that I like especially. "Christian stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God to be used in his service for the benefit of all mankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love."

Where may we find materials on stewardship? *Stewardship in the Life of Women,* by Helen Kingsbury Wallace, was widely used during 1956-1957. It could be read now with profit by those who missed it at that time. Try your church library for a copy.

Teaching Christian Stewardship, by Glen McRae, is a book that will be helpful in planning a program, not only in the Woman's Society, but for all groups in the church. It may be ordered from the nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, $1.25.

Twelve Baskets Full, by Margaret T. Applegarth, was recommended highly last year. This book should be in every church library. It, too, may be ordered from American Baptist bookstores. Price, $3.00.

In "Stewardship Facts," a new edition, there is one article which should be read by every church woman: "Today's Women and Stewardship," by Marthann H. Voss. This new edition of "Stewardship Facts" is available at Baptist bookstores. Price, 30 cents.

We must never cease our activity when it comes to disseminating truths about stewardship. Let us tell the members of our women's societies over and over again what is meant by stewardship and how necessary it is to practice good stewardship in our daily living, if we would become mature Christians.

Reading for Credit

Are you wondering about reading points, the number of reading points that may be earned, and where a list of books that count for credit may be found?

In "Friends Through Books" at the bottom of page twenty, we read, "Points do not count toward the achievement of national recognition, which is based on the number of readers and the number of books read. However, a uniform procedure for those who feel that points help in local promotion is: Each current book counts ten points; each book from the Library List of Missionary Reading Books counts five points."

The reading book list is found in your 1958-1959 copy of "Friends Through Books." The Missionary and Stewardship Education page in *Missions* is also extremely important to us chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education. In the March 1958 issue of *Missions* a long list of reading books and supplementary reading was given. In the September 1957 issue of *Missions* there is a good explanation of the new plan for earning a Certificate of Achievement. This plan, which has done away with the use of seals, was also explained in the 1957 Fall issue of The American Baptist Woman, page 16.

A list of reading and study material on Stewardship is included in the booklet "Stewardship Education in a Baptist Church." Your pastor or director of Christian Education should have a copy of this booklet which your state or city office can supply.

Important: Be sure that your President has the necessary information in order to answer the question on reading in the form for "Objectives" in the Report Book.

State Publications

For those who have been concerned that their state publications have not been given sufficient recognition by the women, you will find that credit is given for reading your Baptist State Paper in the annual Report Book on page 3 in the section "Objectives for a Local Women's Society," under the item on Literature.

Techniques

When you purchase your new 1959-1960 Program Packet in March, look for the article on "Techniques for the Introduction of Mission Study Books." This article has many helpful suggestions which have permanent value. Be sure to place it in your Workbook or file.

A Reminder

The new 1959 *A Book of Remembrance* is now available at your nearest American Baptist bookstore or Baptist state or city office. This valuable publication contains the information you need about our American Baptist World Mission. It should be used for programs and for daily devotions. The price is one dollar.

Mission Study Classes

Have you encouraged the members of your society to read and to study books and literature on the foreign mission theme, "The Christian Mission in the Middle East"? There is still time to plan a Mission Study Class on this interesting and timely theme. Christian people should be informed in regard to this ancient area where "people are stirring, where new ideas are burning, where old bonds are bursting."

Some of the study books you will want to use are:

→ *The Lands Between,* by John Badeau, a former president of the American University at Cairo, Egypt and a Presbyterian minister. Price, $2.95; $1.75.

→ *New Voices, Old World,* by Paul Geren. Mr. Geren has worked for the Department of State in the Middle East and has served as a missionary. He is executive vice-president of Baylor University. Price, $2.95; $1.50.

→ *Middle East Pilgrimage,* by R. Park Johnson, who is now working in a key mission post in the Middle East. This is the basic resource book for adult study. Price, $2.95; $1.50.

Introducing Islam, by J. Christy Wilson, a missionary in Iran and other Middle East lands for twenty years, is a helpful and interesting little book about a religion which commands the fervent devotion of millions of people in that area of the world. Price, 60 cents.

Additional Helps

There are many ways to vary the study of the Middle East and to make it more interesting by using . . .

→ A one-act play, *The Khanum and Her Treasures.* Price, 75 cents.

→ *Fun and Festival from the Middle East,* by Joan Rowland. This little book will help you to know more about the people in the Middle East, their games, their music, their festivals, and their culinary art. Price, 50 cents.

Films such as . . .

→ *Mid East Profile.* The patterns cast by these nations may change history for all of us. This film will help you to understand the opportunities open to Christian missions. This sound-motion picture runs for twenty-nine minutes and may be rented from your nearest Baptist Film Library, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois; 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California. Rental, $8.00.

South of the Clouds. This is the story of a young Moslem who attends a Christian school for girls. Available at your nearest Baptist Film Library. Rental, $6.00.

Exiles in the Holy Land is an educational filmstrip which emphasizes the Arab refugee problem. This is a sixteen-minute, color-sound filmstrip. Available at your nearest Baptist Film Library. Sale, $3.00.

Where Jesus Walked. This is a beautifully photographed travelog on the Holy Land and the Mid-East. Available at your nearest Baptist Film Library. Rental, $8.00.

A Church School of Missions

The home mission theme, "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors," has been recommended for use in the church School of Missions by the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education of the Division of Christian Education of the American Baptist Convention.

If you are serving as a member of the committee on Missionary and Stewardship Education on your local board of Christian Education, as has been recommended, you had a part in the planning for the school. Your intimate knowledge of the theme, the study books, supplementary reading books, and other interesting material, such as that obtainable from the Wright Studios in Indianapolis, should be available to this committee.

American Baptist Woman Power

Have you read the new leaflet, "American Baptist Woman Power," by Mrs. Marshall Barker, national Vice-President of Missions?

Each local society president has received a copy. If you have not seen it, ask your president to share her copy with you and with the other officers and chairmen of your society.

In the closing paragraph of "American Baptist Woman Power," Mrs. Barker says, "We American Baptist women believe the Great Commission was for us. We also like to remember Christ's words to the women at the tomb, 'Go tell.' He did not underestimate the power of women and we should never do so."

Let us, as American Baptist women, through prayer and study, prepare to do our part in the great Baptist program of Evangelism which our Convention is promoting in cooperation with other Baptist groups. Be sure to read the editorial on the Baptist Jubilee Advance in this issue of The American Baptist Woman.

My Appreciation to You For . . .

Your letters and many orders for "Fashions in Books."

To the Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters

From: PAULINE MAUL (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)
National Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana

Dear Friends:

By means of this page in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN I have the opportunity and pleasure of communicating with all chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters—state chairmen, association chairmen and local chairmen. Some are highly experienced; others are just beginning to acquire the background necessary to do a thorough job.

Repetition of certain fundamentals necessary to our area of the work is necessary. We who have been serving as chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters for several years sometimes mistakenly assume that every one knows all that is necessary to do a good job. Then we remember that new chairmen are joining our ranks and that they need to be helped. So we repeat and repeat certain fundamentals.

In this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, I want to be as helpful as possible to the association chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters. Judging from the questions which are asked, it would seem that many association chairmen do not fully understand certain procedures associated with their chairmanships.

First let us look at the matter of appointments

Association chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters, with the assistance of the other three members of the division of Missions, appoint the home missions Speakers and the foreign missions Interpreters for the area included in their association. Appointments should go to those women who (1) speak well, and (2) are willing to travel throughout the association making speeches.

Association chairmen must decide how many Speakers and Interpreters should be appointed to meet the needs of the association.

Conferring with the presidents of the local societies and the local chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters will help association chairmen find the appointees needed.

After the appointments are made, the association chairman should send the list of names—complete with correct mailing address for each name—to the state chairman of Speakers and Interpreters. The state chairman will send the names and addresses of (1) home mission speakers to the Speakers' Bureau of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, and (2) the names of the foreign missions interpreters to the League of Interpreters, American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, so that each appointee will be on the mailing list for materials.

Only those names sent to the Speakers' Bureau or to the League of Interpreters are entered on the mailing list at the home or foreign mission societies. Understanding this procedure, association chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters will realize the urgency of reporting to their state chairmen any changes, such as resignations and replacement appointments, made during the year.

Remember! Association chairmen send the list of names and addresses of their Speakers and Interpreters to their state chairman as soon as appointments are made. They also report any changes promptly to their state chairman. State chairmen relay names and addresses to the Speakers' Bureau or to the League of Interpreters as soon as received.

Materials for your appointed home missions Speakers and foreign missions Interpreters are important. When names are placed on the mailing lists of the home or foreign mission societies, your Speakers and Interpreters will receive the packets of materials that are mailed from these offices three times a year. These packets contain material that is helpful in the preparation of speeches. They also often contain lists of additional helpful material, indicating how and where such items may be obtained.

Association chairmen should encourage each appointed home mission Speaker and each appointed foreign mission Interpreter to become an "authority" on her particular topic. Suggest the use of material other than that sent in the packets, such as that which is found in *Missions* magazine, the *Crusader, Home Missions Digest, A Book of Remembrance,* leaflets of both the home and foreign missions societies, the study books, and so forth.

You can assist each Speaker and each Interpreter to choose an interesting topic or subject in which she can "major" and become expert even though she may also be willing and able to speak on other subjects when called upon to do so.

Topics or subjects which might be suggested to home missions Speakers are those which deal with some of the many phases of work of the home missions agencies: the mission fields from Nicaragua to Alaska; Christian

Friendliness; Indian Work; Christian Centers; Evangelism.

Foreign mission Interpreters may choose from mission fields in eleven countries. Then there is the current foreign mission study theme, "The Middle East." Many exciting events are taking place on the mission fields. Strong leadership is developing within the overseas churches. Study the leaflet "Is the Space Age Here in American Baptist Foreign Missions?" It will bring you up to date on the status and prospects for future overseas missions.

Take a Second Look at the Matter of Appointments

It is seldom desirable to have a complete change of personnel in your association appointments. Those Speakers or Interpreters who will keep their talks fresh, up-to-date, interesting and effective should have the opportunity to continue serving for several years. Some new Speakers and Interpreters should be appointed, however, to gain increased interest, new approaches and new topics.

An Association Chairman May Serve As . . .

A Speaker or Interpreter if she so desires, but she is not urged to do so. In fact, it may interfere with her primary task which is to promote the use of those who have been appointed as home mission Speakers and foreign mission Interpreters.

Communications

Publicizing—both by the spoken and written word—is a form of promotion that is basic.

Time should be allowed at association meeting for the introduction of Speakers and Interpreters. They should be introduced at an association meeting, either when the association officers are installed or at another meeting.

Many associations are having a home missions Speaker or a foreign missions Interpreter speak at each association board meeting.

It is important that each association chairman supply each local chairman of Speakers and Interpreters and each pastor in her association with a list of the names of appointed Speakers and Interpreters. It is also important to include addresses, telephone numbers, and the topic or topics on which each is prepared to speak.

Valuable Co-Workers

Association chairmen have valuable co-workers in their local chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters. The local chairman has the same promotional responsibility toward Speakers and Interpreters in the church and community that the association chairman has in her association. The association chairman should write to each local chairman offering cooperation and support. Suggest close and continuing team-work in promoting the use of Speakers and Interpreters and in publicizing their work. Association chairmen cannot hope to do the best job possible without the help of the local chairmen. Correspond with your local chairmen! Encourage your local chairmen! Work with your local chairmen!

A Workshop

A Workshop for association and local chairmen is, perhaps, just what is needed in your area. It could be most valuable as it inspires and informs leaders in this important area of our work. A suggested agenda for such a workshop follows:

1. Devotions
2. Getting acquainted—roll call
3. Purpose
4. Definitions
   a. Home Mission Speaker
   b. Foreign Mission Interpreter
   c. How appointed
   d. Speaking engagements: where; how financed
   e. Relationship to:
      (1) Local, association, state, national
      (2) Names and address
5. Duties of chairmen: local, association, state
   a. Guides and Emphases (or goals) in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN
6. Records and Reports
   a. How to keep them
   b. Where to send them
7. Discussion
   a. Qualifications of Speakers and Interpreters
   b. The Address
      (1) Prayer
      (2) Topic—General or Specific
      (3) Files and visual aids
      (4) Preparation
      (5) Delivery
      (6) Challenge or Action Step
8. Resource Materials

"Spot News"	Program Packet
"News and Tools"	Foreign Mission Leaflets
Missions	Overseas Outreach
A Book of Remembrance	*Home Mission Digest*
Crusader	*National Geographic*
Letters from missionaries	Newspapers and Maps
Pen Sketches	

Current magazines
United States Government Printing Office
Books on Public Speaking, such as:
How to Make a Speech, by Duane L. Day
You Are the Speaker, by Vera Gough
Practical Public Speaking, by White and Hinderlider.

Good Advice

Good advice for any public speaker and, therefore, good for a Speaker or an Interpreter: Be alert; use ingenuity; keep good files of up-to-date materials and references. All this requires resourcefulness, time, and energy—but it is rewarding.

THE ENTERPRISE IS GOD'S

As we continue and strengthen missions, we must remember that the enterprise is not ours, but God's. It is he who commands and sends us.

Kenneth Latourette

To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: June Gates (Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr.)
National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries
Division of Missions
National Council of American Baptist Women
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New Jersey

Greetings, Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries!

And a very happy New Year! It would be such fun to be able to bring personally these greetings to each one of you. However, you have my sincere hope that this New Year may be full of blessings for you and yours and a year of peace and understanding in the world. May each one of us renew the covenant made as we accepted our Lord as ruler of our lives and became members of the Christian fellowship we know as the Church. As we serve him we are aware of the fullness which comes to a life when rooted in love and service.

In thinking of the word service, one is reminded of the motto of the Tokyo Woman's Christian College which is: "Sacrifice and Service." Do you know that Miss Elizabeth Knabe, the special interest missionary of Connecticut and Delaware, is on the staff of that splendid institution?

The Local Society Is Important

Writing to you from my home today to the accompaniment of a ten-year old daughter's flute and a series of geometry questions from my high-school daughter, I am trying to picture each one of you. You are very busy women, I know, and women who are seeking help and inspiration for your task as chairman of Special Interest Missionaries in your local society, association, and state. National, state, and association chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries are the ones who carry out the details of assignments and records, but it is in the local society that the work for our missionaries is done. The cards, the letters, the gifts, and the prayers go to our missionaries from the women in the local societies, and it is through the local societies that national, state, and association chairmen also make their contributions.

Christmas in October

The theme for the October program of the Woman's Society in our church was "Christmas in October." Preparation for the October meeting began early in the summer when our chairman of Program wrote to five of the Special Interest Missionaries of New Jersey, asking for suggestions for Christmas packages. In the letters the chairman made a number of suggestions so that the missionaries would know the type of gifts and the price range being considered. She also asked the missionary to tell briefly how the gift might be used.

The replies were very interesting and contained helpful ideas. To each of the five circle leaders one reply was given. At the meetings of the five circles held in September the letters were read, and the members of each circle discussed the gifts for their specific missionary. At the October circle meetings, each circle made plans for the presentation of the story of the missionary and the gifts to be sent to her. These presentations became the October program for the monthly meeting of the Woman's Society.

The programs were dramatized, imaginative, and completely delightful. They were informative, too. And in this way all members of the Woman's Society gained considerable information about all five missionaries.

That is how the members of our Woman's Society in the Westfield Baptist Church celebrated Christmas in October. On December twenty-fifth, when we celebrated Christmas in our homes we found the day even more meaningful because of our participation in the gifts which went with our love to our missionaries in the far corners of the earth.

When sending gifts to missionaries be sure to follow carefully the instructions given on page twenty of the Fall, 1958 issue of The American Baptist Woman.

Planning Ahead

Plans were made by one society in the summer, as we have just read, for the October meeting. At this October meeting, Christmas for the missionaries was observed. Presents were sent in ample time to assure delivery by December twenty-fifth. With this kind of planning things get done!

It is January, mid-winter, but it is time to plan in advance for the conferences to be held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, during the summer of 1959. Such trips take planning and planning beforehand!

Two of the Green Lake conferences are of special importance to all chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries: National Women's Conference, July 11-18, 1959; National Missions Conference, August 8-15, 1959.

The National Women's Conference

Once again the program gives every indication of being outstanding.

There will be helpful workshops where you will receive many ideas to take home; ideas which can be put to work in your local society.

There will be conferences with your national officers.

There will also be the inspiring Bible hour each day, and thought-provoking forum sessions, plus other special features.

Go to Green Lake, glean all the helpful information and inspiration that is offered in such abundance. You will find new joy for your responsibility during the coming year.

The National Missions Conference

The program of the Missions Conference at Green Lake is being changed drastically for 1959. Courses in setting up schools of missions and plans for using mission study books will be offered. There will be a number of electives offered, covering a wide range of interest in the world mission. The usual outstanding speakers and leaders will be on hand. And the National Council of American Baptist Women will have a period too.

REMEMBER THE DATES

The National Women's Conference . . July 11-18, 1959
The National Missions Conference . . . . . August 8-15, 1959
The place . . . . . Green Lake, Wisconsin
The Registration Fee for each conference $7.50
SUGGESTION: Register *early* with the Registrar, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

If the distance or the expense of a trip to Green Lakes seems prohibitive, why don't the women in your association or state follow the example set by the New Jersey women last summer? Did you read the story in the Fall, 1958 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, page ten, about the New Jersey women's chartered bus trip to Green Lake National Women's Conference? The New Jersey women had a wonderful time, saved money, and are planning to do it again. It takes someone to start the ball rolling. Why don't you be the one?

Advance Information

Included in the Program Packet for 1959-1960, is a program on Special Interest Missionaries. You will discover this when the Program Packets for 1959-1960 go on sale at the American Baptist bookstores about March 15, but I am eager for you to have this advance information. You will find this program, which was written especially for us, very useful in your circles and societies. This provides us with a golden opportunity to emphasize this area of the work of our Woman's Society.

You and I are deeply concerned about our Specials, and, in our enthusiasm, often think that all our women share our feeling. I believe all the members of our societies would do just that if they knew as much about our Special Interest Missionaries as we chairmen do. That is our responsibility, is it not—to make known our Special Interest Missionaries? You will find, I believe, that the program in the 1959-1960 Program Packet will help you greatly to reach this goal.

Why not begin now to make plans to present this program? When program committees begin planning their programs for the coming year, why not request that time be reserved for you at a circle or society meeting?

Important Tools

1. "Specialties for Our Specials." Do you have a copy of this valuable leaflet in your Workbook? If you do not, write without delay to the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, for a copy. There is no charge for this leaflet.

2. Your Leader's Guide. If you do not have a copy of your Leader's Guide as revised in the 1958 Spring issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, write to me for a copy. Please enclose ten cents with your order sent to my home address: 630 Glen Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey. Or your board of managers may wish to purchase a complete set of the *Leader's Guides* which has just been reprinted from this 1958 Spring edition of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Order from your nearest American Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents.

Annual Reports

Unbelievable as it may seem, it will not be long before our annual reports are due. This year there is a major change in the report of the *association* chairman of Special Interest Missionaries. The association chairman is *not* being asked to report what has been done by the *association* for the Special Interest Missionaries. This change is being made because it is felt that the place for things to be done for the Specials is in the *local* society rather than by the association or state. This will tend to equalize the giving, assuring *all* missionaries of similar attention.

The responsibilities of the association chairmen are to:

1. Assign the Special Interest missionaries to the local societies.

2. Help the local chairmen to understand their responsibilities.

3. Encourage each local chairman to help the members of her society in feeling a personal responsibility for Special Interest Missionaries, and to send them letters, cards, and gifts which express concern and love, and help to sustain these missionaries through their prayers.

4. Obtain from each local chairman of Special Interest Missionaries a report summarizing what has been done by her society for their Special Interest Missionaries.

5. Be familiar with the recommendations given on page twenty of the 1958 Fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN concerning gifts.

Remember we would like to know what you are doing in your society.

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Ruth McKinney (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
National Vice-President of Christian Service
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

A very happy New Year to each of you! This is, in many instances, the time for taking inventories in business, in our personal lives. This is the time for listing our assets and liabilities, of looking squarely at our gains and at our losses, of evaluating our successes and our failures. After we have made a critical estimate of the accomplishments of the past year, we then make plans for the future. We consider the causes of our failures that the same mistakes may not be repeated. However, we do not dwell too long upon either the successes or the failures of the past, for . . .

"What has been written shall remain,
Nor be erased, nor written o'er again.
The unwritten now alone is left to thee.
Take time and ponder well what that shall be."

As the Apostle Paul said, ". . . forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14 R.S.V.).

Overseas Relief

As Vice-President of Christian Service have you done your best to stimulate—in the women of your church, association, and state—concern for the desperate need of clothing and bedding by those in other lands? Most of these people are the innocent victims of the disaster caused by war.

Did you ship boxes of garments to Church World Service to help fill the quota of ten million pounds for 1958?

For the year 1959 a new quota is set, since forty million pounds must be sent to those in need during the next three years.

Let us resolve to get every member of every church—not just the women—deeply concerned for the welfare of their destitute sisters and brothers. Then American Baptists will be eager to share their own clothes. This is our responsibility as Vice-Presidents of Christian Service.

All parcels should be sent to the nearest Church World Service Clothing Center. A contribution of eight cents per pound should be sent to the Clothing Center to which the garments are sent, to pay the processing cost. Church World Centers are located at the following addresses:

- New Windsor, Maryland
- Nappanee, Indiana
- 110 East 29th Street, New York 16, New York
- 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Missouri
- 919 Emerald Avenue, Modesto, California

Division Manual

For several years we have promoted the use of "Inasmuch," as the manual for our division of Christian Service. "Inasmuch" has served, in the past, a very definite purpose in many local societies in which the White Cross quota was completed prior to the conclusion of the program year. Now that the White Cross quotas have been increased, the type of handwork suggested in "Inasmuch" is not necessary. It, therefore, seems advisable to discontinue the promotion of "Inasmuch" as our manual. The purpose of our division, the guides for each member of the division, and the annual emphases are printed in the 1958 Spring issue of The American Baptist Woman.

Early in the year 1959, it is hoped that we shall be able to make available to each officer and chairman, serving in the division of Christian Service, a leaflet containing vital information concerning our division. This leaflet will be prepared by your national Vice-President of Christian Service and the national chairmen of Love Gift, White Cross, and Christian Social Relations. Watch for it!

Remember, do not promote the use of "Inasmuch" as our manual.

Guild of Intercessors

Just one item in "Inasmuch" will continue to be an active part of the work of our division of Christian Service: that is, the Guild of Intercessors. A new card on prayer adventures for "Shut-ins" is being designed for the Guild of Intercessors, also a certificate of membership which will be presented at the time of joining this Guild. The card with the certificate of membership, placed in the hands of every shut-in member of your church, will give these members a feeling of being a very definite part of the entire work of the church. An announcement will be made in the next issue of The American Baptist Woman concerning the availability of these cards and certificates.

Let us resolve to enlist every potential member in every church in this special service during this year.

One may be shut-in; the physical body cannot get out into the world, but the soul can . . . in prayer.

The Love Gift

December 31 was the deadline for giving during 1958 to the Love Gift. Did you do your best to see that your society, your association, your state reached—or surpassed—its goal?

In October, a state chairman of Love Gift sent word that less than one-half of her state's quota had been reported. Less than one-half of the quota, and only two and one-half months to go!

Will you, Vice-Presidents of Christian Service, work more closely with your chairmen of Love Gift, helping them to encourage the women in our American Baptist churches to make their first gifts in January, to continue to give regularly each month thereafter, and to report each month the amount given? The use of the Love Gift checkbook, with a check for each month, will help to systematize giving and reporting.

Let us resolve to encourage liberal and early giving to the Love Gift!

Let us always keep in mind that our Love Gift is an expression of our appreciation of God's love and our concern for his cause—not merely a goal to reach!

White Cross

Many White Cross quotas were due to be filled and shipped by the end of 1958. Have you checked with your chairman of White Cross to see whether schedules are being followed?

Remind your chairmen of White Cross to be very sure that *all* requested supplies are shipped to the missionaries at the time designated.

When quotas are completed and more handwork is desired, why not suggest that the members of your society find some needy families in their communities—families that could use a layette or clothing for children in school. There are many such families in which illness or unemployment have created such need.

Christian Centers will appreciate the interest and help of the women's societies in their city and in the surrounding communities. Societies concerned with the care of patients suffering from cancer and leprosy also need volunteer help. Will you, Vice-Presidents of Christian Service, make a survey of your community to see what organizations of this type need the help of the women of your church?

Of course, we must never forget the needs of the Sales House at Mather School. The shelves at Mather Sales House always have room for good, clean, used clothing. Gifts to Mather Sales House are unlimited.

Let us resolve to serve this year by working close by the side of our chairmen of White Cross, helping them to do a better job than ever before.

Christian Social Relations

Just a very short time ago the Christian world was celebrating the coming of the Christ Child. We heard again the song of the angels as it echoed over the Judean hills almost two thousand years ago, "Peace on earth among men of good will."

Today, over those same hills and in nearby countries, there hovers the feeling of uncertainty and unrest. If nations are to cease to rise against nations, if there is to be peace on earth and in our own country increased brotherly love, then there must be an increase of good will among men and women everywhere toward all peoples.

What contribution to world peace did you make last year?

What contribution to world peace will you make in 1959, as an individual and as a worker with your chairman of Christian Social Relations?

This is an area in which the everyday living of the teachings of Jesus really counts. Let each of us ask: "What would Jesus do if he lived in my town and saw injustice, discrimination, and other unfair practices heaped upon minority groups? Would Jesus withdraw? Would Jesus not expect his followers to stand as he did on the side of the oppressed and the downtrodden?"

As Christian women we must speak and act against the evils of our society if righteousness is to prevail.

Did You . . .

Have neighbors from overseas or of another cultural background as guests in your home, your society, your church?

Entertain students from other lands during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays? Such hospitality helps to establish good relations between nations.

Have an exchange of meetings with women of another racial group?

May we during 1959 have courage to venture into all the ways that may make for better understanding in human relations.

Let us resolve to live as Christians should in regard to our neighbors, and to strengthen the arm of our chairman in this field as she promotes her program of true brotherhood.

Sharing

Some of the state Vice-Presidents of Christian Service have been most thoughtful in sending me copies of letters which they have sent to their association counterparts. I appreciate these letters containing helpful ideas which may be shared with others.

Some may like to use the following plan which informs the entire division of the activities of each member: Several state divisions of Christian Service mimeograph a letter—in leaflet form—which includes a statement from the Vice-President of Christian Service and a statement from each chairman in the division.

Please send me any program or type of promotion pertaining to our division, which has been successful in *your* society, association, or state meeting. Let us resolve to share our ideas as well as our service!

Reports

April will be here before we know it! Remind your chairmen to keep records of all work done, that the reports of our entire division of Christian Service may present a satisfactory picture of our work when the national reports are published.

To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Ruth Wager (Mrs. Lester P. Wager)
National Chairman of the Love Gift
Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 189 Aberdeen Street, Rochester 19, New York

To the Chairmen of Love Gift:

A Bank of Common Clay

On my desk there is a bank of reddish-brown clay. This bank was fashioned by hand from the common clay of India. Its round form fits easily into the palm of my hand, yet it fills my hand to overflowing. As I lift it I hear the jingle of a few small coins of Indian money. This bank, to me a precious possession, is a constant source of inspiration as I write about the Love Gift. Why? Because it is a duplicate of the banks in which the Telugu women of South India deposit their Love Gifts. Mrs. Albert Slater, our missionary to India, presented this reddish-brown clay bank to me at Green Lake last summer.

In the Fall issue of The American Baptist Woman you read about the Telugu Love Gifts, as well as about the Love Gifts of other Baptist women on our mission fields. It is, indeed, inspiring to read how lovingly and sacrificially they give out of their poverty!

Before this reddish-brown clay bank I bow my head and ask God to "melt me, mold me, fill me, use me," even as he uses the women of India to spread his gospel.

"We Need the Love"

"Do you still need our over and above Love Gifts in India?" I asked Mr. Slater. "Indeed we do," he replied, "but even more we need the *love* that goes with them."

Our Love Gifts, given with our love, are urgently needed now to take the love of God to others. It is almost two thousand years since the birth of Christ, yet 66 per cent of the world is still non-Christian.

As we face the needs and as we see the example of the poor Baptist women of other countries, how can we, chairmen of the Love Gift, inspire our American Baptist women to make sacrificial gifts out of their abundance? Through conversation and correspondence with chairmen of the Love Gift all across our Convention, we have learned of many "success stories" and methods used for promotion of the Love Gift. Try these plans in *your* state, *your* association, *your* local society.

Success Stories of State Chairmen

In 1957 the states giving the four highest gifts were: Southern California, $76,940; West Virginia, $44,617; Pennsylvania, $41,999; and Ohio, $36,241.

How did these state chairmen succeed so amazingly?

Southern California

Mrs. Louis Mayo, the former chairman of Love Gift, gives the following account of her activities during 1957: "I gave talks on the Love Gift in seven of our eleven associations, and conducted conferences in the associations for local chairmen whenever requested. I wrote Love Gift skits and information sheets for use in the local societies, and sent letters with promotional ideas for association chairmen. Whenever a gift was reported with a statement including the total amount given up to date, a receipt on a card with a message of promotion was sent to the local chairman—and we have 201 local chairmen. For our annual house party, there was prepared a forty-five minute Love Gift program and daily conferences were conducted. A complete set of books by associations was kept, showing each church's monthly receipts and a report was given at every meeting of our state board of managers. To the national chairman of the Love Gift I sent a monthly report with a letter."

Mrs. George Armacost, a former national chairman of the Love Gift, is Southern California's new state chairman. Before the close of her second month as state chairman, she had written 324 personal notes to association and local chairmen, with a leaflet of promotion, and spoke several times on the Love Gift, including a talk to the Mexican Association whose members are participants in the Love Gift.

West Virginia

Mrs. Charles Thorman writes many letters to her association chairmen, giving original ideas for promotion in addition to statements about new materials and information received from the national chairman. Mrs. Thorman also includes an up-to-the-minute report of the Love Gifts by associations, comparing the total received with the amount necessary to reach the state goal. She urges each chairman to pray about the giving of that society, as well as about her own giving, and to continue efforts not only to attain but to exceed the goal.

Pennsylvania

Mrs. Fred Hague keeps in close touch with her association chairmen through letters and conferences. She writes: "Every chairman of the Love Gift should be thoroughly informed about the program, purpose, and needs for the Love Gift, using every opportunity to obtain information through our literature and attendance

at conferences. Every chairman should have a keen interest in, and enthusiasm for the Love Gift, that she may inspire the members of our societies to make a vital contribution to God's great program of spreading the gospel of Christ to a needy world."

Ohio

Mrs. George Darling has as her goal "enlisting more Ohio women in the joyous fellowship of 'Love Givers.'" Letters are written each month to her association chairmen. Mimeographed promotional leaflets, dedication services and skits, many of them original, are made available for local chairmen. Original presentations are given at state meetings; and conferences, with agendas, are carefully planned. Each month Mrs. Darling publishes an "Honor Roll" of association Love Gifts in the Ohio Baptist state paper. Mrs. Darling urges her chairman to "be imagineers," whom she describes as "people who think up new ideas and put them into action."

Association Chairmen Inspire Local Chairmen

Mrs. M. C. Baumgartner, association chairman of the Love Gift, conducted an excellent workshop at a meeting of the Chicago Association. In a letter preceding the workshop she told how she was preparing for it. "I am writing letters to the chairmen of the Love Gift in every church, requesting them to attend. I will have all of the Love Gift materials available, and I am preparing a loose-leaf Workbook for each chairman. This Workbook will contain the Love Gift leaflets and some materials which I am mimeographing. As a guide, I am using the very informative Love Gift page of The American Baptist Woman. I shall use a chart to show how to handle the reports. During the workshop I shall offer to go to the meetings of the local societies at which time I shall present the filmstrip "The Dedicated Dollar."[1] Mrs. Baumgartner indicated that the response of the women in twenty-two societies to whom she had the opportunity to speak and to emphasize the need for every woman **To Care—To Pray—To Give** has been heartwarming. The Love Gift in these societies has been either doubled or tripled.

Mrs. I. A. Youngs, former association chairman in Monroe Association of New York, also held conferences and presented programs on the Love Gift at association meetings. She wrote frequent personal letters and made countless telephone calls to her local chairmen, promoting monthly Love Gift offerings and gathering monthly reports. Working with the association Vice-President of Christian Service, Mrs. Youngs sent out mimeographed lists of available Love Gift materials, taken from "Literature Highlights," and included the addresses at which items could be secured. She often mimeographed new Love Gift dedication services and promotional material received from her state or national chairman of the Love Gift or written by herself. The result? A Love Gift of $4,665, the highest in the state of New York!

[1] A limited number of filmstrips, "The Dedicated Dollar," are available and may be borrowed free of charge by association or local chairmen for use in society meetings. Write to Mrs. Lester P. Wager for dates in advance.

Increasing Love and Gifts

Local Societies Report . . .

- Love Gift boxes mailed with letters to every woman in the church have brought remarkable success. One society in Kansas reports: "Thank you for your suggestion of sending a letter with an enclosed Love Gift box to every woman. We sent for the boxes and mailed 246. The response was heartening. The total of the gifts at our first Love Gift dedication service of the year was $76.54."
- Monthly offerings definitely increase gifts. This fact was indicated in our annual reports. In Southern California 157 of their 163 societies reported monthly offerings. West Virginia reported 205 of their 255 societies opened the Love Gift boxes monthly.
- The Cent-A-Meal Plan, faithfully followed, increased the gifts of one circle from $75 to $200 a year.
- Love Gift Dedication included on the program. Many societies carefully select from the Love Gift booklets a dedication service that is appropriate to the theme of each meeting. The title of these monthly services are included in the society's annual program booklets. Various women are invited to present the service, thus increasing interest and participation.
- A Love Gift page in the program booklet of one society reads: "Have you had a special blessing or gift from God recently? If so, give a Love Gift to say 'Thank you, God.' Have you ever tried to offer a Love Gift for all of the extra good gifts of God? Try over and above giving as an expression of your appreciation."
- The Love Gift box comes alive. An original presentation of the Love Gift was given by Mrs. J. C. Whitehouse, state chairman of Connecticut. She dressed herself as a Love Gift box, using a large carton covered with white paper. A cross and the words "Love Gift" were drawn on the front. An opening was cut in the top for her head; the carton rested on her shoulders; there were openings also for the arms. In rhyme, Mrs. Whitehouse told her story: "I am your Love Gift box. . . ."
- Love Gift on the spot. One minute spot announcements at each society or circle meeting have brought fine results. Stimulating facts or brief stories, taken from Love Gift leaflets or *Missions*, are given.
- Love Gift leaflets in packets for new members were given during the calling campaigns of societies that used the "Program to Activate Inactive Women." The 8,019 women who became active during 1957, as a result of this program for activating inactive women, were well informed about the Love Gift when they became members.
- Original folders on the Love Gift, explaining the need for and use of the gift, are distributed by some societies in Sunday services to inform the women. Sometimes attractive cards remind the women of the church of the time for the opening of the boxes. Brief items in church bulletins or newsletters serve this purpose.
- Posters made by Guild girls publicize the women's Love Gift as well as their own. Remember, however, that Guild Love Gifts should not be counted in the Women's Love Gift total.

To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: Pauline Brownell (Mrs. A. T. Brownell)
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Division of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 125 South Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois

Greetings, Chairmen of White Cross!

It is again time to take inventory of White Cross achievement.

Has your society filled the quota assigned to it? If you feel that you cannot complete your quota by April first, be sure to let your association chairman of White Cross know what items it will not be possible to finish. On the other hand, if a quota *is* filled remember there is always more work to be done! Let your association chairman of White Cross know that you are willing and able to do more.

Are All the Women Included?

Whatever your quota assignment, it is important to let all the women of your society and church have the opportunity to serve our own missionaries and to meet other worthy needs. If the achievement of the quota requires the assistance of only a few of the women who are available, it means the quota is too small. Then a request should be made to the association chairman of White Cross for more work.

Through participation in helping to relieve these needs as an expression of thankfulness for God's unlimited bounty there is sure to come a deep satisfaction and joy.

There is always work for those who will accept it.

This Is News!

One hundred and sixty tons plus—over three hundred and twenty-two thousand pounds—of White Cross items to be used in American Baptist mission stations—were produced during 1957 by American Baptist Women!

Doubtless you will find it intriguing to read of the following ways used by members in some of our women's societies to accomplish the work assigned to them in White Cross quotas.

How Did They Do It?

A Large Church

This particular church did such an outstanding job last year that a newspaper sent a reporter and a photographer to get the story which they printed in the Sunday feature section.

The women in this church meet each Tuesday to sew and work on their White Cross quota and on other service projects. Indeed, they have interested the entire church in their program. A large box, permanently placed in a prominent corridor of the church, reminds the entire church membership that it may share in this work. Into that box are placed hundreds of worn sheets, thousands of pieces of good, used clothing. These items are used (1) to fill the White Cross quota, (2) to help Church World Service, and (3) to meet other needs in the community and in our denomination.

A Medium-Sized Church

In this city church, the women meet in the morning, at ten o'clock, twice a month, on the days when their society holds its afternoon program meeting. A baby-sitter is provided so that the young mothers may attend. Each person brings a sandwich; dessert and coffee are provided for a small charge.

During the morning one group of women may be seen tearing old sheets and rolling bandages and making squares. In another part of the room one member is in charge of several others working on gauze items. In still another section, six women are working at sewing machines, making the garments needed to complete the quota, and using some remnants to make other garments to help fill the need at Mather School. Still another group is busy quilting.

Another Medium-Sized Church

In this particular church the White Cross work is done by the women during their monthly Circle meetings. In each Circle there is a chairman who is responsible for getting an assignment from the chairman of White Cross in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society. The chairman in the Circle is obligated to get all supplies needed and to have sufficient patterns ready to enable the women to begin work as soon as they arrive. They work quietly throughout the meeting and program. No woman is ever urged to work, but most members are delighted to keep hands busy while they listen.

A Small Church

In a church where there are less than twenty women in the society, the quota is read during one of the meetings. Each person volunteers to supply what she can provide. Perhaps an employed woman will donate material while a homebound member will use it to make the item requested. A person who does not know how to run a sewing machine may prepare gauze dressings or roll bandages of old muslin. When small items, such as pencils, wash cloths, toys, and so forth, are required, the members answer to the roll call by bringing one of the items.

Won't you let me know something of the methods used by your society to meet its quota?

Remember Mather School

Have you checked the list of needs for Mather School lately? There are two pages of many items required in unlimited quantity.

One society, in a rural community, has had its members answer to roll call each month by bringing a small item on the Mather list. The chairman of White Cross stores these items until there are sufficient to fill a box. It is surprising how quickly these individual gifts become substantial.

Mail your boxes *prepaid*, marked White Cross, and addressed to Mather School, Beaufort, South Carolina. Enclose a stamped postal card addressed to the person sending the box, in order that the gift may be acknowledged with the least trouble.

Wanted, One Postage Stamp!

As in the case of Mather, enclose a postal card in each *Overland* box you send. This is to assist the missionary in acknowledging the box quickly, and to assure you that the package reached its destination in good condition.

Be sure that the postal card enclosed in your *Overland* box has your name, address, and a three-cent stamp on it. This stamp costs *you* only three cents. When cards are received unstamped the missionary must pay the postage from her very limited budget. This can easily run into a considerable amount.

Watch Those Packages to the Philippines

In a recent letter Mrs. R. F. Curry, Emmanuel Hospital in the Philippines, mentioned the receipt of a package valued at $75.00. On this package the customs officials placed a duty of $22.00!

When shipping directions are followed in the United States, it is not necessary to pay duty on packages to the Philippines. Be sure to send all packages to the *institutions*, in care of the missionaries, addressing the packages as follows:

ILOILO MISSION HOSPITAL
Iloilo City
Philippines
c/o Miss Esther Salsman

— *OR* —

EMMANUEL HOSPITAL
Roxas City
Capiz
Philippines
c/o Mrs. R. F. Curry

Boxes should be valued according to the contents, *using wholesale values.* Do not include in value, the cost of labor or time spent by the women in preparing contents. Bandages and squares made of old cotton should be packed separately and marked *"Old Cotton, No Value."* Other boxes should be packed so that the value of each box is under ten dollars—and, if possible, under five dollars. Be sure to mark all packages either: Gift for Hospital *or* For Free Distribution.

Our Neighbors in Haiti Need Shoes

No country in the world, it has been said, is more poverty stricken at this time than Haiti. The hurricane three years ago, the long drought, the political unrest and revolution take their toll. Church World Service has helped greatly.

Now from our own missionary, the Reverend C. Stanford Kelly, comes a request to help in a special way. We are asked to send two thousand pairs of shoes to our neighbors in Haiti for men, women, and children. As we respond to this request, let us share some of our abundance with these Christians, who, as we learned through our study this year, did not—even in their poverty—cut back in their missionary work.

Haitians go barefooted much of the time, but they feel they must wear shoes when they go into the House of the Lord, to school, and to other public places. When selecting used shoes for Haiti, choose any length but be sure they are wide in width, and no *high* heels, please.

Follow these mailing instructions carefully. It is very important.

1. Clean the shoes and spray with insect powder.
2. Place a conspicuous label on the package with the following words: Used Shoes for Free Distribution. Contents Sterilized.
3. Mail the package parcel post and make the declaration read: No Value.
4. Address to: PASTEUR C. Stanford Kelly, Box 20, Cap Haitien, Haiti.

White Cross Prayer of Dedication

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Father, we invoke thy blessing
On this labor of our hands.
May it spread the gospel message,
Tell thy love in other lands.

In this land of peace and plenty
Where our needs are all supplied,
Some may take thy love for granted
And forget the other side.

But as we have worked together
In this work to us so dear,
We have felt thy loving presence,
Helping others brings thee near.

So, again we ask thy blessing
And we thank thee evermore
For the privilege of helping
Brothers on a distant shore.

"White Cross Prayer of Dedication" was written by the late Mrs. Liona Hubbard for a dedication of White Cross in Carrollton, Illinois, in 1958.

To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

From: Nymah Vaux (Mrs. Harvey E. Vaux)
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Department of Christian Service
National Council of American Baptist Women
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Greetings, Chairmen!

"Two facts now stand out so clearly," says Dr. Frank Laubach in his new book,[1] "that no student of world affairs can fail to see them:

"1. The three-fifths of the people of the world who are illiterate and another fifth who are nearly illiterate, have been changing from sullen despair to grim determination to better their condition and to come up out of their misery.

"2. The one-fifth of the human race at the top of society, which has always looked upon the depressed four-fifths as a legitimate field for exploitation is acquiring a new, ever more intense concern for the four-fifths. We who belong to the privileged minority are learning to practice compassion."

Dr. Laubach continues to say that the most tragic fact in the world is that so many people who have professed the Christian religion refuse to accept Christ's Way. We hear it, we agree that it is fine and right, but we refuse to practice it.

Those who have been concerned enough to accept a chairmanship of Christian Social Relations are in the group of *concerned.* Loving-service is our theme. It is our way of life! The Love of God is ours to possess and it enables us to be concerned with those less fortunate than ourselves; it enables us to love the unlovely, to feed the hungry, and to clothe the poor. Quoting Dr. Laubach, "The Kingdom of Heaven is a kingdom of abundance and of health of body, mind, and soul—for the whole human race, for this life and the next." This, I believe, is your concern as you, local, association, and state chairmen of Christian Social Relations, try to do this job of making the church of Jesus Christ conscious of its responsibilities in all the social areas of life.

Brotherhood Month—Race Relations Sunday

The month of February is known as Brotherhood Month. It has become a time in which to focus our thoughts on the need to work for basic human rights and freedoms for all peoples, regardless of color or creed. Too often this has been left to a rather formalized celebration once a year. It must become more than that. It must become the stimulus causing us to examine ourselves, our motives, our actions, and our attitudes.

Martin Luther King in his recent book *Stride Toward Freedom*[2] says, "the problem of race is not a political but a moral issue. Racial segregation is a blatant denial of the unity which we have in Christ; for in Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, bond nor free, Negro nor white. Segregation scars the soul of both the segregator and the segregated. It has always been the responsibility of the church to broaden horizons, challenge the status quo, and break the mores when necessary. The task of conquering segregation is an inescapable 'must' confronting the church today."

The Reverend Mr. King suggests that there are several things the church can do:

1. Through its educational program it can point out that all race hate is based on fears, suspicions, and misunderstandings, usually groundless. That the Negro when given equal opportunities can demonstrate equal achievement. "It can point out that the Negro's primary aim is to be the white man's brother and not his brother-in-law."

2. The Church can help make the principle of brotherhood a reality if it keeps men's minds and visions centered on God. Men must ask, "What will God think?" and not "What will man think?"

3. The Church must attempt to take the lead in social reform. It must remove segregation from its own body —from its membership, its hospitals, schools, and other institutions.

4. The Church must become increasingly active in social reform. It must become vocal. It must take an active stand against injustice in housing, economic problems, education, police protection, and in courts.

5. It is necessary that ministers of the gospel work together interracially. Collectively they can do so much more.

The Message for Race Relations Sunday

The message for Race Relations Sunday, February 15, 1959, was written by Dr. Edwin Dahlberg, pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri. Twenty-five talented and busy Christian leaders worked together to bring each word in this message into the best possible expression of the will of God and the spirit of Christ, concerning man's relation to man.

[1] *The World Is Learning Compassion.* Frank C. Laubach. Fleming H. Revell Company, Inc. Price, $3.50. Quoted with permission of the publisher.

[2] *Stride Toward Freedom.* Martin Luther King, Jr. Harper and Brothers. Price, $2.95. Printed with permission of the publisher.

Send to the Department of Christian Friendliness, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York, for one free copy. Additional copies may be obtained at ten cents each. Give a copy to your pastor and to the president of your society. It may be possible to send a copy with your weekly bulletin to each family in your church, or to present a copy on Sunday with your bulletin.

How Your Church Can Witness

Some of our Negro pastors say that they would rather be asked to speak at any other time of the year than during February. They believe that too many Caucasian Christians hide behind what their church does on that day, Race Relations Sunday, or during that one month, Brotherhood Month.

Let us be creative as we suggest ways in which our churches can witness. A few suggestions follow, but, doubtless, each chairman will have additional suggestions to meet the needs of her particular community.

1. Work with a committee of mixed racial backgrounds to plan for this observance. Find out what kind of a program will be mutually satisfying.

2. Think of other dates which lend themselves to an interracial fellowship: Schools of Missions, Schools of Evangelism; May Day Fellowship, World Day of Prayer, association rallies, Baptist Youth Fellowship meetings, state conventions, and so forth.

3. Have an exchange meeting with a Woman's Society of another race. Exchange secret sister names for the year. At the end of the year go to their church for a return fellowship and then reveal the names of these secret sisters.

4. Use the film, "Burden of Truth," available without charge from Francis C. Shane, executive secretary, Committee on Civil Rights, United Steel Workers of America, 1500 Commonwealth Building, Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania. This film tells the story of racial discrimination as it still exists in our country. If your church did not use "Broken Mask" last year, it is still timely, and it is excellent. Refer to "Film-Pac" for other suggestions.

5. Refer often to your copy of the 1957 Winter and the 1957 Fall issues of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Many of the suggestions on the pages for the chairmen of Christian Social Relations are as timely now as they were then. Use the 1956-1957 Objectives as a guide.

6. Did something happen to your community as a result of the study of "Christ, the Church, and Race"? If you have had an unusual experience, send the story to me that I may pass it on to others.

The Baptist Jubilee Advance

The Baptist Jubilee Advance begins on New Year's Eve. The emphasis for 1959 is "Evangelism to the Academic Community." Later, during 1962-1963, the Baptist Jubilee Advance will place the emphasis upon the *Mission to the Social Frontiers.* The Reverend John W. Thomas, executive secretary to the Council on Christian Social Progress, is the chairman for that particular phase of the Advance. Each one of us will be involved. Watch for information and for ways in which *you* can serve in this great five year evangelistic thrust.

Mental Illness . . . The Church's Responsibility?

What is the responsibility of the church toward the mentally ill? That is a question that has concerned many for some time, and, as chairmen of Christian Social Relations, I believe we share this concern for the large number of severely mentally ill people and the even larger number who are affected to a lesser degree.

The July-August issue of "Concern," the bimonthly publication of the Division of Institutional Ministries of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, contained an article by the Reverend Stanley Helm, chaplain at the State Mental Hospital, Auburn, California, in which he said, "Many of our churches seem to be unaware or unconcerned that an almost limitless area of service is open to them through their participation in volunteer work in our mental hospitals. To remind them that this is true is another task of the chaplains. Through all of our work the basic resource of all our relationships lies in the "good news of God. That he accepts us as we are."

It would seem, would it not, that we do have a responsibility in this area?

A Place for the Church

Not very long ago the entire program of the early morning television show "Today" was devoted to a visit to the New York State Mental Hospital in Islip, New York. We heard the psychiatrist and chaplain, talking with a group of women, tell about their progress, and we listened to the doctors tell of the amazing progress which has been made in the last few years. We learned that . . .

→ Much importance is being placed upon the healing of the spirit as well as the mind; hence the need for chaplains on the staff.

→ Mental illness is no respector of persons, striking anyone, regardless of race, sex or class.

→ One of the hardest things mental patients have to do is to return to society, because of fear—fear that friends, relatives, and family will not be able to accept them.

→ The church is the most difficult place to which to return. Here is where we can help, but to help we must become informed. How?

1. Ask a Christian psychiatrist to speak to your women.

2. Invite the doctor in charge of the mental hospital in your area to come and talk, suggesting ways in which the members of your church can be useful.

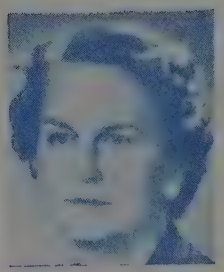
3. Go to the hospital volunteering your personal service and that of members of your society.

4. Be sensitive to the needs of a member of your church who has been hospitalized and has returned to your fellowship. She needs to know that you care and are not afraid of her.

In the San Francisco Bay area there is an Association for Mental Health, a citizen's organization, with some 2500 members trying to smooth the way from convalescence to employment.

Surely there is a place for the Church!

To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training



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To Our Christian Training Team

Before and After

On a late Sunday afternoon I walked through the narthex of the church looking for something I had dropped earlier in the day. Through a partly opened door a young voice rang out, and I knew that I was approaching the room used by the Senior High Baptist Youth Fellowship.

My son, in telling me about the Baptist Youth Fellowship's series on religious life in other countries, had indicated that the discussions were led almost entirely by young people who, during the past year, had been in those countries. As I paused by the partly opened door, I heard the speaker, who spent the summer of 1958 in the Scandinavian countries, say: "And one of the biggest experiences of their lives is confirmation, but *before* and *after* confirmation church seems to be very unimportant. They have no time and little concern for it."

Quietly I walked past the door—wondering. What do we do to be sure that the peaks of leadership responsibility and Christian training also do not become isolated occasions, sandwiched between periods of inactivity? In our Woman's Baptist Mission Society a member's opinions, experience and skills are often unharnessed and to her the Woman's Society does not seem very important, if she is not an officer.

I thought of . . .

→ The woman who goes to the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, and is stimulated by the worthwhile ideas and opportunities she sees in this wonderful Baptist women's movement. But when she returns home there seems to be no way in which to put these good ideas into action.

→ The woman who thought of the church women's work as "busy work" for those who have nothing else to do. One day a door opened in her understanding and she saw the whole wide world as a mission field, with areas of need in the church and around the corner a part of the mission field just as much as foreign countries. She saw herself and other Christian women as the family of God with a job to do together, for each other, and for those whom they did not know, in little ways as well as in big ways. But she had no background training, no know-how to help her to take hold and to begin contributing while her enthusiasm ran high; to stimulate her in taking an assignment which would give her satisfaction in doing it well.

→ The officer who took advantage of all the leadership training opportunities which were available, who endeavored to give inspiring and capable leadership that would achieve creditable results. But when her term of office was completed her successor avoided or thoughtlessly disregarded using her in any one of the many places where her skills and commitment could be fruitful.

Are we Baptist women adequately . . .

Leading up to the periods of responsibility, *encouraging* interest and *preparing* for such responsibility far enough ahead, so that these periods will be most meaningful and effective?

Following up by *conserving* the skill, spirit and ability available and needed, and by *offering* a challenge to continued growth and service?

Let us remember that "before and after" the big moments of Christian leadership—as well as during them—are periods of concern to those of us who carry Christian training responsibility.

Participation

Recently a good friend, working with program evaluation said, "We do not want a blind *followership*." She was implying that our programs, our organization, and our purpose should be focused on an *open-eyed fellowship*. Our programs should not lull people increasingly to become patient and drowsy listeners. Such programs, easy to give, bring diminishing results. In our programs the members of our societies should be involved intellectually, vocally, administratively, emotionally—and involved constantly. Such programs are *not* easy to prepare, but they are the ones which produce active, growing Christian citizens.

You Asked For It!

The evening program presented by our division of Christian Training at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, July, 1958, has been requested. It is with pleasure that we recall it for you.

The members of the national division of Christian Training were asked to present a program that would interpret the work of the division to the audience. It was important, however, that this program did not duplicate the material included in the opening pageant of the conference, the introductory skit, or the afternoon conferences for counterparts. How to do it? That was the question. On one thing, however, we agreed: what-

ever we did should offer stimulating content, inspiration, techniques which could be taken back for use in local societies, and participation from the audience. We let this idea grow and grow and grow, until it developed into a program that was fun, thought-provoking and inspirational to those of us who led it, as well as to the participating audience.

For our subject we took "Are You Listening?" A new field of concern among educators and sociologists is that of listening. Listening, apparently, is an art, and one in which many, too many of us, are singularly weak. Taking the subject "Are You Listening?" we considered first the work of our division as a whole, and then the work of each chairman: Family Life Education, Leadership Training, and Spiritual Life.

Following some gay and related group singing, we presented a Rumor Clinic. A filmstrip, with factual material on the subject and instructions regarding procedure, was obtained, without cost, from the Anti-Defamation League. The League has offices across the country, with headquarters at 515 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Six volunteers from the audience left the room while we threw an action picture on the screen. The first volunteer was called—by the previously appointed doorkeeper—to return to the room. She took a long look at the picture. The doorkeeper then requested volunteer Number Two to return to the room. Number One stepped back to a place where the screen was no longer visible and related to Number Two what she had seen. Without further reference to the screen, reporter Number Two described to Number Three what she had heard; Number Three told Number Four, Number Four told Number Five, and Number Five told Number Six. You can hardly imagine what that final description turned out to be! And, yet, it represented undelayed, on-the-spot reporting of six intelligent women who were making every effort to be accurate and complete! Following a brief analysis as to why these dramatic changes in the description took place, and the significance of the inaccurate listening and reporting practices of human beings, we noted that our lives are shaped to no small degree by what we hear.

Following this consideration of listening ability, our national chairman of Family Life Education used the technique of simple role-playing to dramatize the extent to which a child's attitudes and prejudices are formed by what she hears at the dinner table. The parents, through comments and voice inflection, stamped upon the child's mind an imprint of their own feelings. The example used related to race prejudice.

The national chairman of Leadership Training held a conversation with a staff member of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. During this episode, the rambling thoughts of the one who was supposed to be listening were voiced out loud. The audience observed how the listener heard mainly those comments which particularly appealed to her interests, and even these were translated to fit her own viewpoint. It demonstrated how often we fail to communicate our message because of inattention. So much of misunderstanding, conflict, and lack of concern is born because we fail to understand one another.

The national chairman of Spiritual Life considered also the art of listening—listening to God. And we closed the evening in just that way—silent worship, which was made complete when a member of the music staff sang the prayer hymn "O God of Every People," which includes the petition "Give us for one another a tender listening heart." This beautiful prayer hymn, written by Janet and John Harbison, may be obtained from the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., 600 Lexington Avenue, New York 22, New York. Price, 40 cents.

Does It Mean Anything to You?

History is full of dramatic experiences, trends, facts, and attitudes, for which many people have only a passive attitude of detachment. Many do not see the relationship of these experiences, trends, facts and attitudes to their own lives until their personal lives are touched with discomfort. Not so long ago a nation in Europe indifferently watched discrimination against a minority build up until finally the freedom of all was drastically limited.

"Why should I vote for the school bond issue?" queried an acquaintance the other day. "We don't have any children. Crowded school rooms mean nothing to us—but increased taxes *do*."

Does the present status of employed women have any meaning to your Woman's Society and its way of work? In the fall national board meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women, we heard a most interesting report on the Woman Power Conference. Today our nation has twenty-eight million working women of which three-fourths are married women and one-half are over forty years of age.

Employed married women often resist taking on responsibilities outside their homes, feeling that with home *and* work they already have *two* full-time jobs. Are there attractive short-time tasks they can be asked to assume in your Woman's Society if they feel unable to take on long-range positions? Can we plan more creative experiences in which women may engage *with* their husbands? Does your circle have an occasional evening meeting when husbands are invited?

We are having more early marriages, earlier and larger families. Are these young women welcomed into circles, given little beginning jobs to do? Are *all* meetings over early enough to enable the mothers to return home before school lets out?

Many employed women are in industrial or maintenance work. Are these women integrated into your fellowship?

All women need all other women. Christianity needs and wants *all* women. Let's look to see whether the thinking of the members of our Woman's Societies has been so alert, hearts so warm, schedules so flexible, programs so challenging, welcome so inclusive, participation so broad, evangelism so alive, that we are recruiting, holding and using the employed women of each community!

To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: Nadine Schultz (Mrs. Walter Schultz)
National Chairman of Spiritual Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 930 Park Circle,
Boone, Iowa

Dear Partners in Spiritual Life:

Two-thirds of the program year has passed, passed all too quickly it seems. Have you, partners in Spiritual Life, reached a two-thirds point up the mountain of goals for this year? There is still time to climb to the summit and to get the satisfaction of that wonderful mountain-top view.

CHECK LIST

1. Is your Workbook up to date? ☐
2. Do you have a file of clippings and usable material on: Prayer, Bible Study, Worship, Evangelism, Poetry, Religious Art, Hymnology? ☐
3. Have you established a definite time each day for personal Bible study, prayer, and heart-searching to know God's will for you? ☐
4. Have you become a part of a *group* for Bible study and prayer? ☐
5. Are you using National Prayer Calls? ☐
6. Are you using Bible Book-of-the-Month Plan? ☐
7. Did you observe Baptist Women's Day of Prayer? ☐
8. Did you observe Universal Bible Sunday? ☐
9. Have you recorded the amount of the offering for Baptist Women's Day of Prayer? ☐
10. Are you serving on the Church Evangelism Committee? ☐
11. Are you working with the Program Committee to plan devotions? ☐
12. Have you brought any Spiritual Life books or Christian classics to the attention of your group or counterparts? ☐

"*. . . be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord*"—(Rom. 12:11 R.S.V.).

Experiment in Braille

We now have the opportunity to make *The Secret Place* available to blind church members and friends.

Three experimental issues of *The Secret Place* have been published in Braille. This devotional booklet is produced jointly by the American Baptist Publication Society and the Disciples of Christ.

The first printings offered only 30 copies of each issue, but the new plan has been so successful that the October-December 1958 edition numbered 324 copies. These have been specifically ordered by churches and individuals. In addition, copies will go to schools and to libraries for the blind, including the Inchon (Korea) Orphanage for the Blind.

To fill an order, the name and address of the blind recipient and the assurance that he reads standard English Braille are needed. This information and the production cost of $1.25 per issue should be received on or before deadline dates by the American Baptist Publication Society, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

The deadline dates for the two experimental issues planned for 1959 are: February first for the April-June issue, and July first for the October-December issue.

World Day of Prayer

The date: February 13, 1959
The theme: "Lord, I Believe"

The World Day of Prayer, *founded by three American Baptist Women,* is now sponsored by the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. On this great day, Christian women around the world are united in prayer and praise to our Heavenly Father.

You will be glad that you can get an interesting book which tells about the important projects carried on by the World Day of Prayer offering and the uplifting experiences of those who have received our gifts. Order *The Gift of Prayer,* by Elsie C. Pickhard and Louisa R. Shotwell, from the Department of Publication and Distribution, 120 East 23rd Street, New York 10, N. Y. Price, 40 cents.

The 1959 *World Day of Prayer Packets* may be ordered from the Department of Publication and Distribution also. Price, 50 cents each; three or more, 40 cents each.

From You to Me . . .

It is with real pleasure that I share with you these very fine suggestions from state chairmen of Spiritual Life.

Mrs. Charles A. Hadlock, of Arizona, tells us about her Spiritual Life Packet for shut-ins. "We prepare a packet folder similar to the Program Packet. On the

front is pasted a picture from left-over church bulletins. In the packet, is placed a copy of "Prayer Adventures for Shut-ins"; a poem, "Be of Good Cheer"; *The Secret Place;* a Love Gift Box; a prayer list for shut-ins to fill out for their own needs; the Bible Book of the Month; the current National Prayer Calls; and free denominational leaflets which would be of interest."

Mrs. Verner I. Olson, of Southern California, gives us the following suggestions to be used at Spiritual Life Training Conferences:

How to Grow Spiritually

1. Start with a *Real Surrender.*
2. Get the habit of regular corporate *Worship.*
   Make it real: Get in contact with God.
   Linger in His Presence.
   Offer our hearts to Him anew.
   Confess our sins to Him anew.
   Thank Him for His blessings.
   Pray for His guidance.
3. Unite in *Fellowship* with the church family for nurture and growth and for a keener sense of the world-wide brotherhood of Christians.
4. *Work* in the church.
5. Participate in a *Small* Group for sharing and prayer.
6. *Personal Prayer* is the conversation that keeps alive and deepens our relationship with God which is the heart of growth. Make it a steady habit—twenty minutes in the morning. Flash prayers throughout the day and night.
7. *The Bible*—both *Reading* and *Study.*
8. *Sharing* our faith with others. The surest way to keep our faith is to give it away.
9. *Aim* for a disciplined life. Stop wasting time, money, emotion!
10. Put life work and marriage in God's hands. We can live in a new climate, at a new level and pace!
    (*The Experiment of Faith,* by S. Shoemaker)

Mrs. L. Earl Jackson of Pennsylvania suggests that "The Prayer Calls be presented, not only at the principal monthly meeting of church women, but also at circle and class meetings, at suppers and rallies. The chairman should gather the essential information on each item, that the prayers may express deep and intelligent concern; and issue, wherever possible, into some group action that helps to answer the prayers."

Another Worthwhile Project . . .

Is carried on by Mrs. Wayne Dalton of Wisconsin. Mrs. Dalton edits and publishes a monthly paper on Spiritual Life, "The Dove." She uses two sheets of mimeographed paper folded like a church bulletin with a seasonal stenciled design and poem on the front fold, a devotional message prepared by a Wisconsin woman, a page of Helps and Hints and a page of Prayer Calls and the Bible Books of the Month. This is stapled. The address is placed on the final fold. Postage is three cents. Subscription price, 35 cents per year. I, for one, am delighted to see the little winged dove on the cover page alight on my desk each month.

Bible Study and Prayer Groups

An interesting report comes from Miss Mildred Long, of Pomona, California. Miss Long shares her firsthand experience with Bible Study and Prayer Groups. Through her leadership ten groups have banded together and are meeting regularly in her church.

Miss Long writes: "The idea of small prayer groups is not a new one. It is growing. By many spiritual leaders, it is considered one of the more important and powerful movements in present day Christianity.

"Every church should have one or more such groups. The purpose should be two-fold:

1. Learning to pray effectively, which involves a deepening of the personal spiritual understanding;
2. Approaching God in behalf of individuals, the church, and world needs.

"Sometimes an emergency awakens a feeling of need for a prayer group . . . or a yearning for a deeper knowledge of God . . . I had been praying for months about such a group . . . an emergency arose. . . . I met with the board of deaconesses and six of them indicated their desire to participate in such a group. Thus our first prayer group came into being.

"As months went by, we were told by the church leaders that they depended much on our prayers and realized their power. A "prayer coordinator" was appointed by the pastor. These two—the pastor and the prayer coordinator—worked out a plan to try to stimulate more prayer and Bible study in small groups. At that time there was only one prayer group. Prayer about the plan came first. Then gradually it began to take shape.

"The prayer coordinator made her first report in December, 1957:

Total attendance in the one prayer group was 33.

Other groups began to spring up, almost simultaneously. In June of 1958, this was the report:

Ten groups—attendance for May was 560!

"This mushroom-like growth resulted from prayers of devout women over a period of years.

"Great things have happened because women prayed. Great things will happen for you, if led by the Spirit. Work out a plan that fits your group."

Prayer Calls and Bible Book-of-the-Month "Do's"

DO present Prayer Calls to your group visually: with posters, figures or pictures; or by conversation, litany, role-playing or other techniques to make them memorable.

DO use introduction to the Bible Books of the Month as given in *Missions.*

DO read Bible Books of the Month *at one or two sittings.* This reading should not replace your regular Bible study.

DO enlist shut-ins for Prayer Calls and Bible reading.

DO pray expectantly and unitedly that these petitions be granted according to God's will.

DO record the number of Bible Books of the Month, for your annual report.

To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: Vivian Randle (Mrs. Stacy Randle)
National Chairman of Family Life
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 377 North Main Street, Milltown, New Jersey

Dxar Kxy Pxoplx:

"Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys. I'vx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxrfxctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxys that function wxll xnough, but just onx not working makxs thx diffxrxncx.

"Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our church program is somxwhat likx my typxwritxr—not all thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrly.

"You may say to yoursxlf, 'Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. I won't makx or brxak a program.' But it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcausx our program of family lifx xducation to bx xffxctivx nxxds thx activx participation of xvxry chairman.

"So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, 'I *am* a kxy pxrson in family lifx xducation for womxn, and I *am* nxxdxd vxry much.'"[1]

You Are Needed

Although the preceding paragraphs were written for 4-H Club members, they have meaning for you and me. Just let one of us fall down on the job, and what a difference it makes . . .

In my case, copy for this page would not be prepared; letters from you would go unanswered; new ideas and helpful suggestions coming my way would not be corraled and made available to you.

In your case, falling down on the job would mean no on-going program of Christian family life for women in your church.

With what solemnity ten-year-olds make the promise of all 4-H'ers: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking . . . heart to greater loyalty . . . hands to larger service . . ." Each feels he is a key person in carrying out the projects of the group whether it be training a puppy for the Seeing Eye, Inc., or putting in a skirt hem. The 4-H'er proudly wears the coveted green and white emblem to show the world he belongs, and that without him the club would not be.

The genius of Baptist belief is that the concerns of the Christian faith belong in the hands and hearts of the people. The peculiar nature of women's work is that every woman accepts this "hands and hearts" concept of responsibility in spreading the gospel through working, worshiping, witnessing.

The American Baptist woman must never lose sight of her importance in the total plan of the church; she must never forget that she shares the obligation of the "Great Commission" with every other church member.

How to Persuade People

Sylvanus and Evelyn Duvall have recorded the results of a test designed to find out how people respond best. In this experiment, *lectures* were given to six small groups of housewives urging them to increase their consumption of milk in their homes. Only one out of five women involved in the experiment began to drink more milk or to get her family to use more milk.

In control groups, following a *short explanation* of the importance of drinking more milk, there was discussion. (No lectures were given to these groups.) The members of these control groups themselves made the decision—that they would increase the consumption of milk in their homes. As a result, within four weeks half of the mothers had increased the family milk consumption.

The results of this experiment tell us something in regard to our family life programs. The most important part of the program will be the *discussion* period. This is true whether we show a movie, produce a play or skit, or listen to a speaker. The skillful leader will draw out every member present to express how she feels about the matter, or to ask a question. People learn through participation.

Go Modern

If you have scheduled your family life program for the evening and have invited husbands, you are following a modern trend. Your meeting will take on new life when both fathers and mothers begin expressing themselves about "going steady," or "money in your jeans," or "the sociable sixes," or other questions posed in skit or movie. Be sure to allow plenty of time for discussion. (For program material on above subjects and many others, consult your Extension Service or County Demonstration Agent.)

Display Resourceful Material

One church spent one thousand dollars on new books and pamphlets for its library. A year later a survey was made to discover how well the members were taking advantage of the fine reading materials. *No* fathers,

[1] Adapted from *Agricultural Leaders' Digest.* Used with permission.

only a very few mothers had checked out any books. Children and teen-agers were doing the reading!

Chairmen of Family Life Education, you can publicize the books in your church library by making a display for the woman's society meetings, for family nights in your church, and for other church affairs.

The leaflet, "Inexpensive Literature for Family Life a Bibliography,"* *one* free to each church, will suggest leaflets which you may order and place on the table, plainly marked as to price. You will find them disappearing and pennies appearing to finance your next order.

By changing the display from time to time you can keep up with the seasons and hold interest.

What About a Movie?

There's nothing like a good movie to produce fresh interest and change of pace for your meetings. If possible, preview the film before showing it to the group and as you do so, jot down questions which you can use to keep the discussion on its toes in the actual meeting.

"Rim of the Wheel." This is the story of a wife and mother who finds herself on a constant round of social activities which endanger her home. A kindly neighbor advises her to get off the "rim of the wheel" and to realize the pace she is living, and to assume a new role of Christian Stewardship. Sound motion picture, 27 minutes. Rental, $8.00.

"The Hidden Heart." This is a heart-warming story of a girl and her family who discover, through heartbreak, that loving is giving. Charlotte discovers that in security alone "there's no gladness." Sound motion picture, 30 minutes. Rental, $10.00.

"For the Record." This is a valuable aid in helping parents evaluate their own family life and to see new opportunities in better teaching of religion in the home. Sound filmstrip, 33⅓ rpm record, 25 minutes. Rental, $2.50.

Order the above films from the nearest Baptist Film Library:

152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York
19 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois
2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, California

Parents Pool Knowledge on Family Relations

According to an article in the August, 1958 *Baptist Leader,* four Sunday evening sessions on "Christian Brainstorming" were held in the Second Baptist Church of Germantown, Pennsylvania. During the first twenty minutes of each session, the leader outlined what recognized authorities have said on the subject to be explored. The remainder of the hour was given over to discussion by group members.

The four topics considered in the four sessions were:

- What Makes a Christian Home?
- Parental Problems and Adjustments
- Answering Children's Questions
- Growing Together as a Family

Discussion continued into the fellowship period which followed each formal session.

Be sure to read this helpful article by Velma Carter.

Guide for Christian Family Living

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD . . . at home, "Family Worship with Young Children." Five cents, each.* . . . at church, "Five in One Pew," one of six episodes in *Living Is a Family Affair.* Price, 50 cents.**

ADMIRATION AND RESPECT . . . for each other in the home. "How Does Your Family Rate?" Three cents, each.*

MATURE MEDITATION . . . the democratic way. *Christian Parents Face Family Problems,* Wynn. Price, $2.50.**

INTEREST . . . in those outside the home. "Teaching Children Worldmindedness." Price, two cents.*
"This Is Your Ministry to Students and Service Personnel." Price, 25 cents.**

LOYALTY AND DEVOTION . . . "A Family Covenant." Price, three cents.*

YOUNG PEOPLE . . . need help. "Getting Along with Parents." Katharine Whiteside Taylor. Price, 50 cents.**

LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING . . . in the home. *Your Home Can Be Christian,* Maynard. Price, $2.00.**

INSPIRATION . . . Guideposts to Creative Family Worship, Gebhard. Price, $2.50.**

FAMILY WEEK . . . first week in May. National Family Week Program Guide, available February 1, 1959. Price, 35 cents.*

ENDURING FAITH . . . FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN, Jones. Price, $1.50.**

The preceding acrostic was adapted from "The Baptist New Yorker, with permission from Mrs. W. Raymond Rogers, president, New York Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

Order *single* starred items from:

* Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Orders amounting to less than one dollar must be accompanied by cash, plus postage.

Order *double* starred items from your nearest Baptist Bookstore:

** 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Illinois
1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania
352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California

These Are New

Discussion guides have been prepared for two of the books mentioned above:

The Reverend and Mrs. Howard G. Hartzell of Woodbury, New Jersey, have prepared a discussion guide for *Your Home Can Be Christian.*

The Reverend and Mrs. R. Edward Dowdy of Indianapolis, Indiana, have prepared a guide for *Guideposts to Creative Family Worship.*

These guides will not only provide an additional teaching resource, but will motivate and encourage more parent groups in the church to conduct discussion sessions. Subjects have a timely relevance to problems of family life. Guides may be obtained from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Price, 50 cents each.

To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: Verda Albrecht (Mrs. William O. Albrecht)
National Chairman of Leadership Training
Division of Christian Training
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 611 South 10th Street, Rocky Ford, Colorado

Dear Co-workers:

Greetings to you on this beautiful day! Here in Rocky Ford it is one of those glorious days that poets dream about; one of those days when one wants to be out of doors, walking in the cool, crystal clear, sparkling air that refreshes, stimulates, and inspires. And walking in the out of doors is exactly what I would be doing at this very moment were it not for this opportunity to visit with state, association and local chairmen of Leadership Training, throughout the length and breadth of our American Baptist Convention.

Some of the things of which we shall speak through our pages of The American Baptist Woman may have been said before, just as we repeat ourselves in face to face conversations, in our society meetings, conferences, and workshops. And we repeat because we know that repetition is an important factor in the learning process, and even if one feels well informed she welcomes the opportunity provided by repetition to refresh her memory. She welcomes repetition, too, of facts which she may know well because she realizes that perhaps a new chairman is hearing or reading them for the first time and is catching the vision of what she can do in Leadership Training for the women in her society, association or state.

Together let us look at some of our opportunities as chairmen of Leadership Training and at the challenge that lies before us.

The Circle Plan

Do your fellow church women tell you that it is impossible to enlist for the mission society those inactive women in your church? Let's listen to the magic of the circle plan—one very good way by which to interest our inactive women.

"The Magic Circle," written by Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette, national chairman of Literature, and produced under the direction of Mrs. Schuyler Y. Spaulding, former national chairman of Leadership Training, will make you believe in the impossible. The booklet almost seems like magic in itself and once you begin reading, you can hardly put it down. The following sentences are taken from "The Magic Circle," which is obtainable from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, thirty-five cents.

Within the magic circle are women . . .

- Women of all ages;
- Women of differing temperaments and dispositions;
- Women with many gifts, capabilities, ambitions, hopes, fears, aspirations;
- American Baptist women of varying national backgrounds, of different colors;
- Women who live in the country, in hamlets, in villages, towns and cities.

These women form a great company of lovable, consecrated Christian women. For them the magic circle was designed, and to them it is dedicated.

Circles exist not as ends in themselves, however. Nor are they merely a means for increasing the size and organizational efficiency of the Woman's Society. Rather they serve to strengthen and to make more vital and pervasive the loving Christian fellowship of the society.

You will find "The Magic Circle" indispensable.

Lay Development

"Impossible," you say, for every mission society to take part in the Leadership Training emphasis for this year. "Impossible"—but the challenge of the impossible has cast its spell and we are going to seek to achieve it.

On the Association Level . . .

The chairman of Leadership Training should discover the churches in her association that are not in the Lay Development program and encourage the women in those churches to use the course this year.

On the Local Level . . .

The chairman of Leadership Training should encourage each woman in her church to participate in the Lay Development program. If a church is participating in the Lay Development program, the manual on "Woman's Work in the Church," by Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge is included in the packet. The president of the Woman's Society and the chairman of Leadership Training should be on the church committee on Lay Development. If a church is not participating in the program, we encourage the women of the church to set up their own workshop.

The manual, "Women's Work in the Church," may be purchased at the nearest American Baptist Bookstore. Price, 35 cents.

The Workshop Planning Committee for "Women's Work in the Church" should be established under the direction of the division of Christian Training. The committee should consist of the president, all members of the division of Christian Training, the chairman of Publicity, and the chairman of Literature.

If the members of your society desire a Leadership Training Conference on some other phase of the work —such as Stewardship or Program Planning—we urge you to plan such a conference only *after* you have conducted the conference on Women's Work. This is our emphasis for the year. Let us put it first! It is not too late to hold your conference this spring.

Outline of Five Sessions

As you study the following outlines and as your imagination and creative ability become more active, I believe that you, too, will put real enthusiasm into the plans for your conference in your own church. It is amazing how a workshop like this one on Women's Work can fill us with zeal and revitalize our thoughts and actions.

First Session

1. Introduction
2. The Debate: "Resolved: Leaders are born and not made."
3. Dream a Little! List the things women can do in the church.

Second Session

1. Presentation of the organization of the Women's Society.
2. The Symposium: "The place of the Circle in the Woman's Mission Society."
3. The Buzz Session on Finances

Third Session

1. Making use of Worksheets Number Two and Number Three, lead your workshop group into a discussion of programing.
2. Buzz Session. A five-minute buzz session on "The Greatest Weakness of Our Programs."

Fourth Session

1. Panel: "Reaching Women for Christ Through the Women's Society"
2. Symposium: "How to Secure New Leadership"
3. Prayer: Close with prayer giving several women an opportunity to participate.

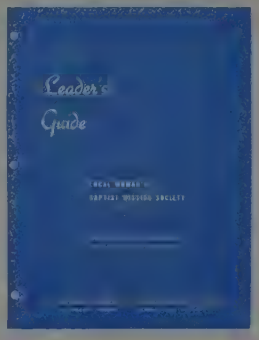
Fifth Session

1. Fellowship Dinner
2. Summing Up

Leadership Training Conference

The challenge grips us again, and we hold our breath in astonishment. A training conference for every mission society in every church! The achievement of that which appears to be the impossible is truly a challenge. Nothing can resist such power! And so we plan a training conference immediately following the election of officers to make sure that all officers understand their tasks, their tools, their goals and their possibilities.

Be sure that you keep your tools handy and ready to aid you in doing your best work. The *Leader's Guides* are indispensable.



The revised *Leader's Guides* were printed in the Spring, 1958 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. To meet the requests for these guides 2200 additional copies of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN were printed. Requests for more and more copies continue. Eager to make these local guides available to *every* officer and chairman a reprint of the section on the Local Guides in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN has been made and is now available at your nearest Baptist bookstore. The guides are printed on 8½ by 11 inch punched paper so that they may be filed in the leader's workbook, with her pages from THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN and other material of vital importance to her office. Order your copy of the local *Leader's Guides* from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents.

You will also need: The 1958-1959 Emphases, or Goals, printed in the Spring 1958 issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN; *Annual Report Book; You Can Be A Leader; A Training Program for Leaders;* "Literature Highlights"; and the "Leadership Training Posters." The posters give that added touch of information and know-how to your conferences. They may be used as they are, or they may be mounted on cloth and used as turnover charts. The selling price of two dollars for the set of six posters is a bargain. Order from the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.

The chairmen of Leadership Training all across the American Baptist Convention have heard the call and are proving that the impossible can become possible. Vision and inspiration have come to them and the desire to accomplish great things for their Lord and Master drives them forward and onward. With a challenge such as ours, with the desire already indicated by so many chairmen to accomplish our goal, we all look forward to great advances in the area of leadership training among Baptist women in state, association, and local societies. And together we shall anticipate enthusiastic reports from each society, association, and state, telling us the good news of their achievements.

". . . all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

With Appreciation

Yes, my deep appreciation to Mrs. Schuyler Y. Spaulding, former national chairman of Leadership Training, for her wonderful help to me, and for her contribution to the National Council of American Baptist Women's Leadership Training Program.

To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: Golda Morford
National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women
Division of Business and Professional Women
National Council of American Baptist Women
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To all Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

Let Us "Read All About It"

Have you noticed how we are constantly coming upon articles on the subject of Woman Power? Magazines—secular, educational and religious—newspapers, radio panels and television programs are stressing the facts that we have come to realize so keenly in our churches. Yes, times are changing the courses of events in the lives of women today.

In 1900, one half of the women in our country were never employed outside their homes, but today nine out of ten will work sometime during their lives. One third of all the women over fourteen years of age in the United States are working in any given month. One fifth of the nation's income in wages and salaries is paid to women. We are living through a major social revolution. Let us turn our attention to significant statements taken from various publications.

1. In the report on "Womanpower," by the National Manpower Council, established at Columbia University in 1951 under a grant from the Ford Foundation, the following statements are made:

• A revolution in women's employment has occurred in the course of the present century.

• At the close of the nineteenth century, 50 per cent of women never entered paid employment and the majority of those who did seldom worked over eleven years. Now, nine out of every ten women are at some time gainfully employed and most of these women work from twenty to twenty-five years.

• In 1890 seven out of every ten working women were single. Today six out of every ten are married. Furthermore, three out of every ten married women are gainfully employed and nearly two out of every five mothers whose children are of school age are in the labor force.

2. In the article entitled "American Women at Work," in *Newsweek*, February 27, 1956, we read:

• In 1940, 18 per cent of United States workers were women. In 1956, 33 per cent of our manpower wore skirts.

3. In "The Big Parade of Women to Work," an article in *Fortune* in 1956, this statement was made:

• Working wives now outnumber bachelor girl workers two to one.

Let Us Continue to Read

We Baptist business and professional women should read all we possibly can about this revolution in women's employment, for the implications of this revolution are widespread and of vital concern to our churches.

The General Department of United Church Women and the Department of Church and Economic Life, of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, recognizing the importance of the "spectacular rise in the employment of women," held a Joint Consultation on Employed Women and the Church. The reports of this Joint Consultation are available in mimeographed form and may be ordered from the Department of Church and Economic Life, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. The reports are priced at thirty cents per single speech or one dollar and sixty cents for the set of six (plus postage).

I would hope that leaders of Baptist business and professional women would also obtain the summary chapter on "Womanpower" from the National Manpower Council, Broadway at 116th Street, New York 27, New York. Single copy is sent free of charge.

As we read the reports of the Joint Consultation on Employed Women and the Church and also the reprint of the summary chapter on "Womanpower," let us consider the implications of the new trends of employment of women, as they bear upon the women's work of our churches. As we read books, magazines and newspaper accounts in regard to the growing problems resulting from the increased employment of women, let us remember that this is the concern of the church and therefore the concern of Baptist church women and particularly the concern of Baptist employed women.

Annual Reports Told Us . . .

THAT approximately 50 per cent of the gainfully employed women on Baptist church rolls are taking no part in our local Woman's Societies.

Mrs. Theodore Wedel, former president of the United Church Women, in her article "Women in the

Church" printed by the United Church Women, in 1954, implies that a similar situation exists throughout the churches in our country. "Where are the business women?" she asks. According to Mrs. Wedel, "One-third of the women of the United States are gainfully employed and yet only a tiny fraction of active church women come from the ranks of the employed."

Our annual reports have told us that the majority of Baptist employed women are not active in our churches; Mrs. Wedel has told us that a similar situation exists throughout the churches of the United States. The National Manpower Council tells us that the number of employed women in America today are increasing so rapidly that they call it "a revolution." Is it not apparent, then, that women who *are* active in our churches—particularly employed women—must be aroused to the changing status of women. When these women become informed they will then be able to suggest ways and means for helping the newly employed women to adjust themselves to home, community, and church relationships.

In many ways the future of the Baptist woman's work depends upon the determination of today's actively employed Baptist women to study this whole problem of women's employment and to find ways in which more employed women may find it desirable and possible to become active church women.

Your B and P Group

Is your Business and Professional Women's group—or circle—helping the employed women of your church to become active church women?

Are you remembering the business and professional women's goal for 1958-1959?

The Universal Goal of Baptist business and professional women is to help the employed woman to find her place in a group of Christian business and professional women through which she can:

1. Develop spiritually, intellectually, and culturally.
2. Serve her church, community, nation, and world.
3. Recognize her opportunity as a missionary in the commercial, industrial, professional and academic world.
4. Build daily that leisure time will hold interests that are gripping and enriching.

A copy of this goal might well be placed in your secretary's book and read aloud at each monthly meeting. Repetition will act as a constant reminder. It may also stimulate your group to evaluate its monthly progress. A brief discussion might well follow with an enumeration of what has been done to help employed women of our church, of our community during the month.

In building a business and professional women's group which works constantly toward the achievement of the above goal, it will be necessary to *study* the field of the employed women of your church and your community that you may understand their interests. It will be found that these employed women fall into groups with varying interests.

Today, four out of ten employed women are single. What are *their* needs? Are you developing a business and professional women's group to which they might be drawn and through which they might grow and develop spiritually, intellectually, and culturally, and through which they might find challenging opportunities for service?

Today six out of ten employed women are married, and probably four of these six have children of school age. These women should also be the concern of our business and professional women's groups. They are employed women. They particularly need all four of the emphases listed in our 1958-1959 goal. What is your group doing for these women? Is it concerning itself with family-life problems? In your group there may not be employed women with growing families, but in every community in America today there are employed women with families. Is your group helping that employed mother to adjust to work, to home, and at the same time to develop spiritually, intellectually, and culturally?

Our Challenge

We must realize that our task is not to settle down and be happy in a group of women that have long been active in church work. Our task is to seek out women who are not now active, study their situations and their needs and help them to find their places in a Christian employed women's group where their needs may be met and where they will be challenged to serve.

This concern for *all* employed women should be a real challenge to Baptist business and professional women. It may be a cause similar to the one Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton might have had in mind when she said to the business and professional women of the Manhattan Council of Church Women of the Protestant Council of New York City, "The person who recognizing her limitations, identifies herself with a cause vastly bigger than herself gains stature through that participation." If we Baptist business and professional women identify ourselves with this cause which is indeed vastly bigger than ourselves, we will gain stature through our participation.

Program Building

- There is a wealth of material available in the materials printed for all Baptist women by the National Council of American Baptist Women.
- Material available on the status of employment of women and its implications to the church might become the basis for lively programs, animated panels or discussion groups.
- Your Vice-President of Christian Training or your chairman of Family Life has materials and suggestions for programs along this line.
- Your Vice-President of Christian Service has many suggestions for programs and projects in which every employed woman should have interest and about which she should have a desire to do something.
- In the area of home and foreign missions there is a wealth of material in the denominational publications from which exciting programs can be developed. And missionary recruitment is one of our most vital concerns.

To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: Marion Manogg (Mrs. Robert Manogg)
National Fellowship Guild Counselor
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 13121 Wales, Huntington Woods, Michigan

The 1958 National Guild Project

Bibs for Mounds-Midway

During the National Guild House Party in the summer of 1958, at Green Lake, Wisconsin, we learned of the need for baby bibs for Mounds-Midway Hospitals in St. Paul, Minnesota. It is the practice of Mounds-Midway to give to every baby born in these hospitals a bib when he leaves. These are attractive bibs, bound in various colored bias bindings with bright little sprays of flowers painted in the corners and with the words "I am a Mounds-Park baby" painted across them. We have volunteered to supply at least two thousand of these bibs this year. We do neither the painting nor the printing. That is done at the hospital.

These bibs are made from two pieces of material. One is a soft piece of terry cloth and the other is a fine piece of muslin. They are bound together with bias binding in any one of the baby colors, leaving enough binding for eight-inch ties.

We are requested to mark each bib in some special way so that the mother receiving the bib for her baby will know that the gift comes from a Baptist girl. It is suggested that name tags, such as those used to mark children's clothing for school or camp might be used. It has also been suggested that the state Guild Counselors might like to have some tags made. Then, from her, the local Guild Counselors could secure the number of tags needed for the bibs made by their groups. These tags should contain the name of your Guild, church, city, and state. The tags should be sewed into the binding at the back of the neck. The name of the Guild, church, city, and state could be placed on the piece at the back of the neck by the use of a rubber stamp which could be purchased for a small amount.

Each state Guild Counselor has received a pattern with instructions for the making of the bibs. She has been asked to make a pattern for each association counselor who in turn will make a pattern for each local chapter. If you have not received a pattern with instructions, please contact your immediate counterpart at once so that we may get these bibs going. Do not be afraid of sending too many. We were assured that all will be used.

When the bibs are completed send them directly to Mounds-Park Hospital, St. Paul, Minnesota. Be sure to enclose your name and address. This is important. Keep track of the number that you send so that you may record it on your annual report as a service project.

Midway Hospital and Mounds Park Hospital are owned and operated by the Baptist Hospital Fund, Incorporated. These hospitals are committed to a Christian emphasis. They have long provided a stimulus for interest in missionary nursing and other fields of Christian endeavor. Our American Baptist girls who are considering nursing as a career might like to go to our only Baptist hospital in the mid-west. Mounds-Midway Unit-Hamline University School of Nursing is located at 200 Earl Street, St. Paul 6, Minnesota.

Cut, Paste, Frill

Another very popular project in which many of the Guild chapters like to participate is the making of favors for trays. Mounds-Midway Hospitals are in need of many such favors of various types. This is another opportunity for your girls.

The hospitals ask that you submit a sample of what you would like to send. They will let you know whether your sample favor, or favors, meets their needs. If the sample is approved, the hospitals would like these favors in lots of one hundred. Be sure to plan sufficient time for the making.

Making these favors might be an opportunity for two groups to come together from neighboring churches. Work at a project of this kind can be fun and can give pleasure to those who receive the favors.

On the base of each favor the hospital would like to have the name of your Guild, church, city, and state stamped or printed. Be sure to use the word Baptist. Be sure also to record on the back of your annual report the number of favors made and sent. This is a service project.

Alma Noble Scholarship Fund

When the Alma Noble Scholarship Fund was set up in 1950, it was estimated that $7500, at interest, would be needed in order to give one girl an annual scholarship of $250. Up to the present this amount of $7500 has not been reached. We are eager to continue our efforts to increase this Alma Noble Scholarship Fund. At the 1958 Guild House Party at Green Lake, Wisconsin, it was estimated that with each Guild chapter contributing at least one dollar annually that in the near future we would probably be able to assist more than *one* girl.

How does a Guild girl become eligible for this scholarship? The girl must be nominated either by her pastor, by the student counselor, the church school superintendent, or the director of Christian Education. This scholarship is administered by the American Baptist National Scholarship Program. Consult your pastor if you have Guild girls who are interested.

For the present the contributions may be sent to me. Once every few weeks I will forward receipts to the national office.

New Forms Available

Many Guild Counselors have been wondering how to keep a record of the progress of your Guild girls as they work on the Degree of the Rose. This record of progress we left up to the counselors. A suggestion, however, was brought by the New Jersey counselors to the National House Party, and to them we are most grateful. The form which the New Jersey counselors have prepared we thought was excellent. We asked permission to duplicate their form for your use. This has been done with a slight revision.

Each state and association counselor has received one copy of this new form which has sufficient space on which to keep the complete record for six months. State and association counselors have been asked to share their copy with the local counselors. Local counselors may order as many copies as are needed, by writing to me at 13121 Wales, Huntington Woods, Michigan. These forms are available without charge. I would like to know, however, whether they meet your need.

Wanted

News, information, and pictures about your Guild girls! Send this material to our national Guild director, Miss Marjorie Wilson, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. As you know, Miss Wilson writes the Guild column for *Missions*. She must depend upon you to send her news. You do not have to be a writer. Miss Wilson will edit your material. It will please your girls to see themselves in print.

We Are Planning

The National Guild Commission met in Chicago in September, 1958. At that meeting planning for the 1959 Guild House Party began. The theme was selected; it is based on the Christian Home.

We are looking forward to the year 1959 in particular. Why? Because it is an anniversary year for us—the year in which we shall hold our *tenth* annual House Party.

We hope to have in prominent places on our program some of the leaders who were with us at the *first* House Party. Will *you* plan to join us at the tenth annual Guild House Party, July 11-18, 1959, Green Lake, Wisconsin?

Meet the New National Guild Chairman

I am eager to have you know our new national Guild chairman. Miss Kathy Wilsey, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, was appointed at the Guild House Party in 1958 to serve for the 1958-1959 term. Miss Wilsey is a sophomore at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is majoring in sociology. Miss Wilsey has been the state chairman of the Wisconsin Guild and is a very active member in her own chapter. She plans to continue the round robin letters of the state chairmen, following the idea originated by Miss Sandy Schoeninger. If one of your Guild girls is a state chairman, encourage her to join in this activity in which ideas and news are shared.

Sandy Schoeninger

We thought you would like to know that Miss Schoeninger was graduated with honors from Ottawa last June. She is now teaching physical education in a high school near Kansas City, Kansas. Her two years as our national Guild chairman meant much to us all. We wish her much happiness in her teaching and pray that God will use her to serve him.

Bits of Information

Here are some interesting items from the 1957-1958 annual reports:

- The state counselors listed 1508 chapters, but only 1217 reported, with a membership of 13,924. Wonder what our report would have been had the other 291 chapters reported?

- There was an increase in the number of programs held in the four areas of emphases:

Missionary World Outreach	1884
Personality Development	1839
The Christian Home	1451
Skills and Vocations	1265

In accordance with the way our work for Guild is planned, we expect to have almost twice as many programs on Missionary World Outreach as on any one of the other three emphases. Figures show, however, that Christian Personality Development was not far behind. This indicates a need for this type of program. Are you using the Program Kits for suggestions and for programs?

Guild Love Gift

The total amount given for the Love Gift by Guild girls was $5,977.13.

Southern California set a goal for Love Gift for 1958 at two thousand dollars! Other states may want to follow the idea of setting a goal. This plan has never been tried on a national basis, because we want our Guild girls to form the habit of *giving*, even though the amount is not large.

White Cross

White Cross quotas are larger this year. We shall probably spend more than the $3,671.54 that was spent last year. Be sure to include postage when you report the amount expended for White Cross.

House Parties

Twenty-five states held house parties last year. We believe Vermont will be added to next year's total.

To the Town and Country Leaders

From: Helen Hussey
(Mrs. Wilmer Hussey)

National Chairman, Town and Country Committee

National Council of American Baptist Women

Greetings, Town and Country Friends!

"For where two or three are gathered together . . ."

"For where two or three . . ." these words frequently quoted have been an inspiration to women throughout the centuries. It matters not whether we are in a town, a country, or a city church; we have seen what can be done by *one* woman. We have also seen how two or three gathered together in His name can make not only a significant contribution to the life of the church, the world mission of our denomination, but can change the course of events in the educational, economic, sociological, and political currents of the day.

Well do we know the story of the "two or three" whose vision was clear and far-seeing enough, whose convictions and courage were staunch enough to establish the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in 1871, and the American Baptist Home Mission Society in 1877. Well do we know the stories of women whose pioneering in the educational, sociological, and political areas of life have contributed to giving to women of the United States opportunities in life unknown to other women throughout the world.

They were pioneers, to be sure, but pioneers are needed today and pioneering can be done by the one, two or three women in the town or country church just as effectively as by the one hundred, two hundred or three hundred women in the large, city church.

"The interest and participation of *every* American Baptist woman is needed. This means the two or the three women in the rural church, the women in the small town church, the women in the new suburban church, the women in the isolated mining town or fishing village, and the women in the community or federated church. We need never feel that we are too few in number to be effective."

The preceding paragraph was quoted from the leaflet entitled, "The Small Society," written by Mrs. Dean H. Thayer, former secretary of the National Council of American Baptist Women and former national chairman of the Town and Country committee, and Mrs. Wayne Gordon, president of Montana Woman's Baptist Mission Society and a member of the National Council of American Baptist Women's Town and Country committee during 1957-1958.

Small societies can be helped to make skillful adjustments in organization and to the over-all program if the suggestions in this leaflet are followed. If your society

(Cut along this line)

To the Chairmen of Publicity

From: Faith Bailey
(Mrs. Ernest B. Bailey)
National Chairman of Publicity
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 725 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, New York

Dear Publicist:

Honestly now, do you feel like a fifth wheel? Other society officers talk so glibly together about their goals. They quote church magazine articles that seem to have been written expressly to help them do their job. They all seem to share the same mysterious sources of information. But not you!

And when you sneak off to check the sources they've rattled off, you don't find a thing with bearing on your publicity job. You probably don't admit this to your president but you feel uncomfortably—or desperately—out in left field. And to make matters worse, you aren't quite sure why you feel this way.

You're Puzzled

The thing that publicity chairmen say most often to me is this: "I don't know what I'm doing. I'm supposed to get a program printed . . . make a poster . . . write a newsletter . . . and I don't know how. Or even how to find out how!"

Let's face it. The publicity chairmanship is not something for which you began your preparation in the primary department. Most other offices begin with churchmanship, but publicity is a craft brought into the church from the secular world. It's a skill that nobody learns by assimilation—the way you assimilate understanding of the Spiritual Life chairmanship, for instance. Publicity is rules and methods and techniques which are learned.

Among your society officers, you *are* different. You are a kind of professional craftsman, performing a special service for the others. Think of them as marching along in a solid parade but think of yourself running out ahead, madly waving a banner. Of course, you're different—in an exciting kind of way.

But Here's Real Help

All of which explains why you won't find the best answers to your job problems in church magazines. Publicity is a skill that must be learned like the skill of refinishing furniture. You can use the finished product in a church, but you study the method in secular how-to-do-it books.

Yet, before you find the answers to your technical questions, in the available books of the trade, you must learn a brief new vocabulary. Once mastered, this is guaranteed to solve all your problems. For all the answers to every church publicity problem are right there in your local library (or can be purchased for the price

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of two or three books) *if* you know some shop talk. Church publicity is highly specialized, but it has a twin sister in every department store on Main Street, every ad agency on Madison Avenue.

So, for your convenience, here's a quickie translation—church talk into shop talk. Clip it and tuck it in your wallet, for use whenever you have a job to do.

You Say You Have to . . .	But You Look for a Book On . . .
Do a flyer, pamphlet (or produce anything that is mailed).	*Direct mail*
Print a program. (You want it to look professionally good and be so readable that folk don't get lost. But your printer is gruff and no help at all.)	*Editorial layout.* (Best one published is *Layout in Advertising* by W. A. Dwiggins. It tells you all you need to know about what kind of type, what color paper, how to design the cover. Out of print. Try your library.)
Draw a poster. (You want to know where to put the picture and the date.)	*Advertising layout.* (Good basic book, is *Advertising Layout and Typograph* by Eugene de Lopatecki. Price, $4.00.)
Write a newsletter. (You want to know what people want to read, how to place the copy on the pages.)	*House organs.* (Best booklet I know is *More Business Through House Organs.* Being revised by the Warren Company, 89 Broad Street, Boston, Mass. Try your library.)
Build a house party booth.	*Display*

And don't overlook pamphlets and brochures on these subjects. Ask your librarian for her "vertical files" on layout, house organs, display, and so forth.

Two Scoops for Publicizing

The National Women's Conference at Green Lake is slated to be the biggest yet.

Four hundred women are expected to register. National officers and chairmen will be on hand for workshops and private conferences.

The dates are: July 11-18, 1959.

The theme is personally important: "THE Church and You."

A suggestion: Your publicity might include a hint about a scholarship for your president or some other leader in your society—local, association, state.

Woman's Day

The date: June 4, 1959.

The place: Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa. Be sure to tell your folk that the auditorium is air-conditioned, and just a quick walk from downtown hotels.

The program on "Christian Higher Education" will hold interest for American Baptist men and women.

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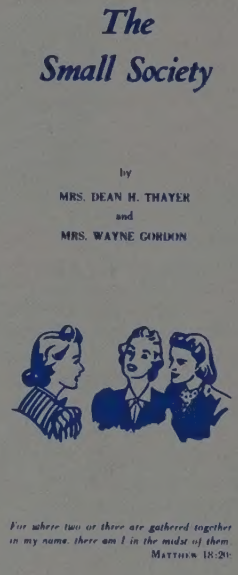
The
Small Society
by
MRS. DEAN H. THAYER
and
MRS. WAYNE GORDON
For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
MATTHEW 18:20

needs help—or if you know one that does—this leaflet can be of great value.

"The Small Society" leaflet has been sent in quantity to the state presidents for distribution to the town and country societies. If you have not received your copy, write to your state president or to the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, requesting one copy for your society.

This leaflet was written to encourage especially those societies which have as few as six women—but six women who are missionary minded enough to want an organized Woman's Society. The leaflet explains the purpose of a Woman's Baptist Mission Society. It also discusses:

- The Program
- How to Get Started
- Officers for a Small Society
- The Work of the Small Society
- Where to Obtain Necessary Tools
- Unorganized Churches
- Opportunities

Included in the leaflet also is a Bibliography.

Remember: *One* Christian woman whose vision is clear and far-seeing enough, whose convictions and courage are staunch enough can make a significant contribution to the life of the church, the world mission of our denomination and can change the course of events in the educational, economic, sociological, and political currents of the day. Think of the impact that can be made when in our town and country churches—as well as in our city churches—two or three such women gather together in His name!

Will you take advantage of the opportunity afforded through this column in The American Baptist Woman to tell members of other town and country churches what *you* and the members of your society are doing in your church, your community, and for the world mission of our denomination? Please send these reports to me at my home address: North Vassalboro, Maine.